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11000	In connection with U.S. v Original Knights et Civil Action #15793, which is set for trial on Ser 1965, it is necessary to determine exactly how man which business establishments in Bogalusa which are uated at or near the places picketed by Negroes si approximately April of 1965 are covered by Title V the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Section 701 of the Act provides that persons having more than one hum employees and their agents are covered. Please countries the following investigation:	tember 7, ny and re sit- ince /II.of 1964
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- (3) Obtain full details as to the type of arrangement under which the local outlets of the covered establishments operate such as a simple lease of the premises or an independent dealership, etc.
- (4) In those instances, it is determined that an establishment is covered (this to include Crown-Zellerbach) please determine the name of the company official for each who can produce records which prove the establishment to be covered by Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Those establishments there is apparently little doubt as to coverage would seem to be: Woolworths, J. C. Penny's, Firestones, Singers, Western Auto, Montgomery Wards, Winn Dixie, Sears, Walgreens. Under possibles, the following might be checked closely: Bill's Dollar Store, American Department Store and Top Value Stamps.

MC INTYRE advised that the request for an injunction in this matter contains the allegation that the Klan has been interfering with the activities of Negroes who are picketing in the interest of securing their rights as set forth in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 701 of this Act. He advised that the investigation requested in Items 1 - 4 above may be limited as follows:

- 1. With respect to #l above, ascertain the relationship of the picketed establishments with their affiliated national organization encompassing the period April, 1965, through the present time.
- 2. With respect to #2 above, in establishing the relationship of the Bogalusa subsidiary to the national organization the following elements of proof should be established:
  - A. That the national organization deals in interstate commerce and operates in several states
  - B. That the organization has over 100 employees nationally, including employees of organizations which have agency relationships with the national organization

- 3. With respect to #3 above, establish whether the Bogalusa subsidiary is a branch office, branch outlet, dealership, independent contractor or whatever other arrangement the relationship may entail.
- 4. With respect to #4 above, identify the individual and the records that will be necessary to establish legally admissable evidence of the relationship between the Bogalusa organization and the parent organization. For the jurisdictional elements set forth in #2, A and B above, to be encompassed in this proof, it will not be necessary to set forth the documents in detail. Sufficient identifying data to name the documents which should be subpoensed and a brief description of the documents is all that will be required for report purposes.

Business establishments contacted should be assured that this is not a Title VII proceeding against them. Their involvement is necessary only for the purpose of establishing the jurisdiction of the Government in the proceeding wherein the Government seeks to enjoin the Klan and certain individuals from interference with Civil Rights activity.

In view of the time element involved and in the preparation for presentation of this matter in court, MC INTYRE requested that the investigation be given expeditious attention. The necessary preliminary contacts at Bogalusa will be made immediately. Where necessary, leads will be set forth for other offices to contact the parent organizations of companies having Bogalusa subsidiaries. F B I

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Investigation requested by Mr. MC INTYRE is being conducted.

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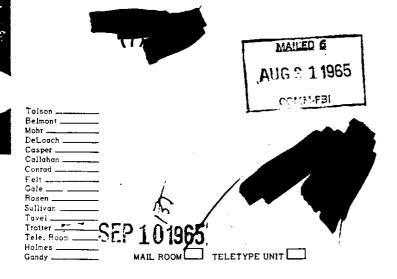
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Reference is made to New Orleans airtels 8/17/65 and 8/21/65 captioned "Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan" and New Orleans airtel 8/18/65 captioned "Land Let al.; Public Accommodations, CRA, 1964."

All of these airtels set forth the details of requests from Departmental Attorney Kenneth McIntyre for investigation in connection with the suit which the Department has brought against the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in U. S. District Court, Bogalusa, for the purpose of obtaining an injunction to prevent the Klan from interfering with those seeking to exercise their rights under the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, ET AL;
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The following investigation was conducted as a result of a request from Departmental Attorney, Kenneth Graham McIntyre, Bogalusa, Louisiana, who furnished a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General, John Doar to the Director, FBI, requesting that investigation be conducted to determine exactly how many and which business establishments in Bogalusa are situated at or near the places picketed by Negroes since approximately April of 1965, and which are covered by Title 7 or the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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New Orleans, Louisiana 70113 September 4, 1965

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW ORLEANS (173-201)

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RELATIVE TO DEPARTMENTAL ACTION AGAINST THE ORIGINAL

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, ET AL, DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY

ROBERT OWEN ADVISED THIS DATE THAT A SECOND AMENDED AND

SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLAINT FILED BEFORE DISTRICT COURT, TEN AM

THIS DATE, BY DEPARTMENT AND ACCORDING TO OWEN DEFENDANTS

ADMITTED TO APPROXIMATLEY EIGHTYPERCENT OF THE FACTS SET

FORTH. COPY OF COMPLAINT OBTAINED AND BEING FORWARDED UNDER

SEPARATE=COVER AND DEFENDANTS' ANSWERS BEING OBTAINED AND WILL

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New Orleans airtel to Bureau dated 8/18/65 captioned et al., Public Accommodations, Civil Rights Act of 1964."

All of these airtels and teletypes set forth the details of requests from Departmental Attorney Kenneth McIntyre for investigation in connection with the suit which the Department has brought against the original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in United States District Court, Bogalusa, for the purpose of obtaining an injunction to prevent the Klan from interfering with those seeking to exercise their rights under the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

In addition, a number of the summary teletypes and airtels under caption "Racial Situation, Bogalusa, Louisiana, Racial Matters" have information pertaining to this same matter.

Any other similar requests and results of such investigation should be reported under the caption used in this communication.

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New Orleans, Louisiana September 1, 1965

ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE

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VICTIMS; CIVIL RIGHTS

ELECTION LAWS

Kenneth McIntyre, Departmental Attorney, on behalf of John Doar, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, requested that investigation be conducted to determine the text of various statements made by J. B. Stoner, Connie Lynch and Saxon Farmer at a press conference held in mid July, 1965. The purpose of this press conference was supposedly to unveil a new plan to break the back of the Civil Rights movement in the south.

hr. McIntyre also requested that be contacted regarding three affidavits and warrants that Saxon Farmer supposedly had brought to his office.

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 The following is the text of an article appearing in the Bogalusa Delly News, dated July 12, 1965, concerning action being taken by white segregationists against Negroes:

"White segregationists turned their attention to legal action this morning, and Negroes planned another civil rights march, and Negroes paraded without incident, guarded by heavily armed state, parish and city police.

"In a press conference this morning at the Acme Cafe, Secretary George Singlemann of the Greater New Orleans Citizens Council said warrants had been issued against three local Negroes involved in the civil rights movement for violation of the state law against "common law" marriages, and arrests would be made today. A campaign against Negro common law marriages has long been listed by Singmann as one of the chief potential weapons of the Citizens Council.

"Others appearing at the press conference included J. B. Stoner and the Rev. Connictivath, who led resterday's white march and have been contacting National States Rights Party rallies here, and Saxon farmer, liestified as leader of the United Conservatives of Washington Parish."

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#### ACTION

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#### ADDENDUM OF GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

9-6-65

At 9:45 a.m., 9-6-65, Departmental Attorney Richard Parsons appeared at Room 5710 and turned over the material mentioned above to Special Agent the Eaboratory Division who was handling the examination.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana

August 27, 1965

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ORIGINAL KNIGHTS, ET AL, SUBJECT; ET AL - VICTIMS CIVIL RIGHTS ELECTION LAWS

Kenneth Mc Intyre, Departmental Attorney, on behalf of John Doar, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, requested that investigation be conducted to determine the names of men seen in the vicinity of Washington Parish Court House, Franklinton, Louisiana, on July 13, 1965, at the time that a group of Negroes were scheduled to arrive to register to vote. Mr. Mc Intyre requested that investigation be conducted to determine whether the officers who had identified these men would furnish the basis of their statements that the men seen talking with Saxon Farmer were Klansmen.

Attached are the results of this investigation.

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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New Orleans, Louisiana 70113 August 30, 1965

ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, ET AL;

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The following investigation was conducted as a result of a request from Departmental Attorney Kenneth Graham McIntyre, Bogalusa, Louisiana, who furnished a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General John Doar to the Director of the FBI, requesting that investigation be conducted. It was requested that in connection with the Government's complaint United States vs. the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK), Civil Action #15793, Paragraph 14(a), that one determine if he was employed by August, 1964, and also whether he visited

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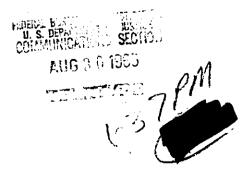
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Mr. GOLDSMITH.

On 8/27/65, Mr. GOLDSMITH furnished

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Mr. @IDSMITH requested delivery of to him at Bogalusa be expedited in order that they could be used in preparation for the hearing on 9/7/65.

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DATE: September 8, 1965

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Victims Bogalusa, Louisiana Public Accommodations (Interference) Civil Rights Act of 1964

On the afternoon of September 7, 1965, Assistant Special Agent in Charge J. T. Sylvester, Jr., New Orleans, called to advise that he was sending some known typewriting to the Laboratory to be compared with the typewriting on seven documents received from the Department in connection with captioned matter (see my memorandum to you dated September 6, 1965).

The trial in this matter is now in progress at New Orleans; therefore, Assistant Special Agent in Charge Sylvester advised he was sending this material so as to arrive at Friendship Airport at 9:01 P.M. on September 7, 1965, in custody of the pilot of Eastern Airlines Flight 142. Arrangements were made for a Baltimore agent to meet this flight and deliver the evidence to the Laboratory.

This known typewriting has been received in the Laboratory and the necessary examinations made. It was determined that the typewriting on the seven questioned documents received from the Department is not identical with the known typewriting submitted by New Orleans. New Orleans has been advised of these findings by teletype dated September 7, 1965, and a confirming Laboratory report will be submitted with a copy designated for the Department.

None. For information. RECOMMENDATION:

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New Orleans, Louisiana 70113 September 2, 1965

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN; ET AL ET AL - VICTIM RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

The following investigation was conducted as a result of a request from Departmental Attorney Kenneth Graham McIntyre, Bogalusa, Louisiana, who furnished a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General John Doar to the Director of the FBI, requesting that investigation be conducted.

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It was requested that

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana September 4, 1965

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## RACIAL SITUATION BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA

Reference is made to a letter, dated September 4, 1965, from John Doar, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division captioned U.S. v. Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan furnished at Bogalusa, Louisiana, on September 4, 1965, requesting certain documents be furnished in connection with hearing which will commence September 7, 1965, at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Item 1 of this letter requested a certified copy of Articles of Incorporation of the Original Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

For your information the Original Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., is in no way connected with the Klan organization operating in Washington Parish, Louisiana.

The Original Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., is one of the splinter groups which broke away from the state Klan organization with Houston Morris and Robert Fuller of Monroe, Louisiana, as its leaders. This group is located and operates in Northern Louisiana and Southern Arkansas.

In view of this the above described document is not being obtained unless advised to the contrary.

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The following information was requested by Departmental Attorney Kenneth Grahem McIntyre at Bogalusa, Louisiana, on behalf of John Dour, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

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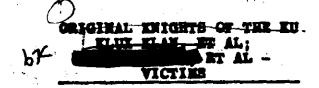
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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF SUSTICE

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New Orleans, Louisiana

September 4, 1965



The following investigation was conducted as a result of a request from Departmental Attorney Kenneth G. Mc Intyre, Bogalusa, Louisiana, who furnished a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General John Doar to the Director, FBI, requesting that investigation be conducted to determine the names and addresses of the food and beverage suppliers of the Yirginia Inn and Alford's Round Table Restaurant, both Bogalusa, Louisiana. It was also requested that copies of shipment invoices sent from these suppliers to the above-mentioned establishments for the months of April through July, 1965, be obtained.

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The New Orleans Office feels that by having a copy of this testimony, especially the testimony given by Klan officials, this would be of great benefit in the possible development of racial informants, as well as the investigation of the Klan and Klan members.

SAC, New Orleans (105-1057)

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## Rourairtel dated 9/16/65.

Contact with the Department has determined that briefs in this matter are being completed and, at current time, consideration has not been given to obtaining a transcript of proceedings; however, it is anticipated that a transcript will be required and obtained in the future. The Bureau will follow.

You are not authorized to pay the court reporter for a transcript of the testimony. If such a transcript cannot be obtained from other sources in the reasonably near future, complete justification for such an expenditure will be necessary for Bureau consideration.



New Orleans has indicated that court reporter has not been requested to transcribe his notes by Department or defendants. Cost for transcription will amount to about \$700. It is not believed benefits to be gained from obtaining transcript would justify such an expenditure. Mr. David Robert Owen, Civil Rights Division, was contacted on 9/21/65, and stated he felt the Department would need and obtain a transcript in the mear future. He stated he would advise when transcript is available.

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Reference is made to Departmental memo from Mr. John Doar, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, dated 9/6/65, submitting seven questioned documents, items #1 through #7, and three known documents, items a through c, for examination in the Laboratory. Mr. Richard K. Parsons, Departmental Attorney, has requested a telephonic reply upon completion of requested examinations.

The Laboratory examination of this material disclosed that the typewriting on documents #1 through #6 most closely corresponds with the standards available for an IBM Electric typewriter or a Justowriter typewriter manufactured by Friden. Item #2 has been prepared on a different typewriter than the typewriter or typewriters used in preparing items #1 and #3 through #6. Items #1 and #3 through #6 may have been prepared on one typewriter; however, this could not be definitely established. Items #1 through #6 were not prepared with any of the typewriters used in preparing the known specimens a, b and c.

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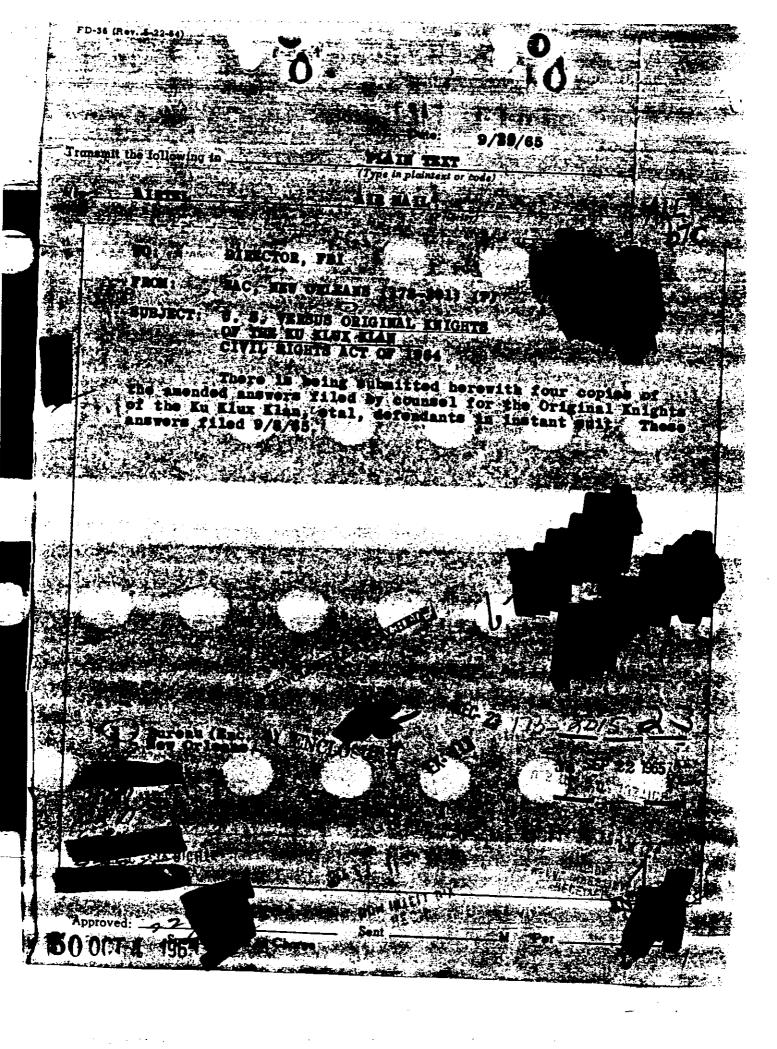
Mr. Parsons will be advised of the results set forth above and a Laboratory report will be submitted to the Department.

RECOMMENDATION: That this memo be forwarded to General Investigative Division for information. REC- 47 /3 - 2015

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The Soft 8, 1965

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

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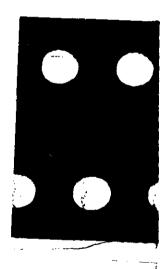
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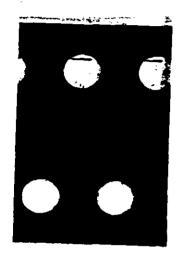
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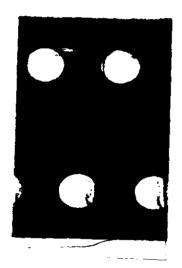
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Albert Simmons, Jr., Noel Bull, Jr., and the Luck-Communist Christian
Association, by and through their undersigned council of record and enswer
herein the second at Lake and supplemental complaint previously filed by
the United States of America as follows:

- 1. The second amended and supplemental complaint fails to state a cause of action upon which relief may be granted to the plaintiff.
- 2. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the second amended and supplemental complaint in its entirety and domand strict proof thereof.



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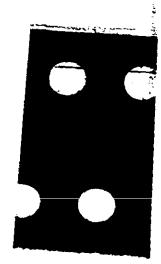


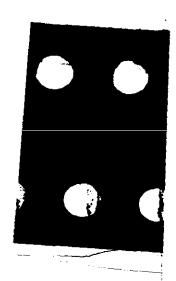


3. The defendants Russell Magee, Saxon Farmer and Charles Christmas deny the allegation contained in Paragraph 3 that they are the principle officials of the Klan. Further, the allegations that the ACCA is a front organization for the Klan differing from the Klan in name only, and that it is essentially the same in all respects to the Klan are also denied. And further, the defendant ACCA alleges that it is an organization existing independently and separately from the Klan and was organized with different goals, objectives, purposes and notives.

The defendants are informed and believe and therefore allege that the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was an unincorporated association, the membership of which consisted largely of residents of Washington Parish, came and operated in the Bogalusa, Washington Parish environs area, and that its principle office and meeting place in the parish was the Disabled American Veterans Hall located in said purish. Defendants admit all other allegations contained in the paragraph.

- 4. Defendants admit that the allegation in Paragraph 4 of the plaintiff's complaint but dony that they are product of the Klan, and in further answering sold allegation admit that they either were members of the Klan or are presently members of the ACCA, and that each reside in Washington Parish, Louisians.
- 5. The allegations contained in Paragraph 5 are admitted except as to Richard E. Krebs.
- 6. The allegations contained in Paragraphs 6, 7, 0, 9, 10 and 11 are admitted.
- 7. Defendants admit that it has been their objective to preserve total racial segregation in Bogeluse and Washington Parish but deny their purposes and objectives were to maintain white supremacy, and further admit the remaining other allegations in Paragraph 12 except as it relates and Explies to the present existence of the Klan.
- 8. Defendants hereby admit the allegations in Paragraph 13 of the complaint except as to those defendants' actions which are hereinafter denied, and in further answering Paragraph 13 of plaintiff's complaint the defendants reiterate and urgs that said allegations do not constitute a claim upon which relief can be granted and are not in violation of any United States statutegand laws.





9. The defendants admit the allegations contained in Peragraph 14, subparagraphs (a), (f), (g), (i), (j), (k), (n), (r) and (s).

The allegations contained in subparagraphs (h) and (m) of Paragraph 14 are denied.

The defendants on information and belief admit the allegations in subparagraph (b) with the exception that the allegations which refer to the threats of the burning of the place of the meeting, to wit, the St. Matthews Episcopal Parish House, are denied.

The defendants admit the allegations contained in Paragraph 14(c) except as to Louis Applewhite and in that respect these allegations are denied as to him.

The defendants admit the allegations contained in Peregraph 14(d) except as to those allegations made against Charles Christmas / Saxon Farmer and Delos-Williams and in this regard these allegations are decied.

The allegations contained in Paragraph 14(e) are admitted as to Virgil Corkern and are denied as to the remaining defendants named therein. The allegations that defendants Charles Ray Williams and James Ellis followed Negroes into the Negro section of Bogalusa are admitted but these defendants failed to see the relevancy or materiality in such allegation.

The allegations contained in Paragraph 14(1) are admitted except as to the allegation that defendant James Burke attacked newsman observing the march, and further, the attacked a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who was observing the march in connection with his duties.

The allegations contained in Puragraph 14(0) are demied.

Defendant Mervin Taylor admits only that he was present in Cassidy Park
on such occasion as alleged in his capacity as a manager or coach of a
baseball team.

Defendants admit that the City of Bogalusa closed Cassidy
Park as alleged in Paragraph 14(p) but deny that said park was closed because of any activities alleged to have been committed by the defendant
Mervin Taylor in Paragraph 14(a).

The allogations contained in Paragraph 14(q) into Far at they portain to Willis Blackwall are demied and defendant urges that any action against him would be postponed until all legal delays afforded by law to this defendant have elapsed.

The defendants are not in a position to admit or deny those allegations referable to Richard Krebs since he is not represented by counted of record for the defendants.

10. The allegations contained in Paragraphs 15, 16 and 17 are admitted except as to those defendants who have previously specifically decied any alleged violations under the Civil Righus hat of 1964 and the laws of the United States; and further, defendants urge reservation of their legal argument as to Paragraph 17.

11. The allegations contained in Foragraph 18 are denied. In further answering plaintiff's complaint the defendants urgs as follows:

12. That the individual defendants sought to be emplified herein and represented by counsel herein desire that if, upon the trial of this preliminary injunction, that they should prefer herein that said individual defendants be awarded reasonable attorneys! foes as provided by applicable provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, including 42 U.S.C. 2000(a) et seq.

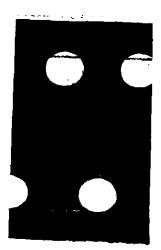
WHEREFORE, defendants demand that there be judgment in their fever and against the plaintiff denying its demand for a preliminary and permanent injunction against the defendants and that the plaintiff's second amended and supplemental complaint be dismissed and that plaintiff be east in judgment for attorneys' fees and posts.

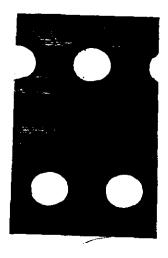
Defendants pray for all general and equitable relief.

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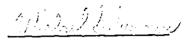
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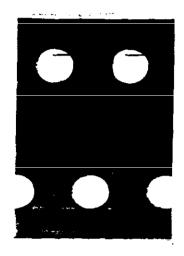


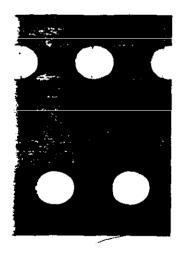


### CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that a true copy of the above Amended Amended varies was served on the plaintiff by hand delivering same to the United States Attenday for the Enstern District of Louisians at 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisians, this 8th day of September, 1965.







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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana

September 8, 1965

RACIAL SITUATION BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA RACIAL MATTERS

The following investigation was conducted at the request of Departmental Attorneys at Bogalusa, Louisiana, in connection with a hearing involving the Original Enights of the En Klux Klan (OKKK) which will commence in New Orleans, Louisiana, September 7, 1965.

A characterization of the OKKK is attached.

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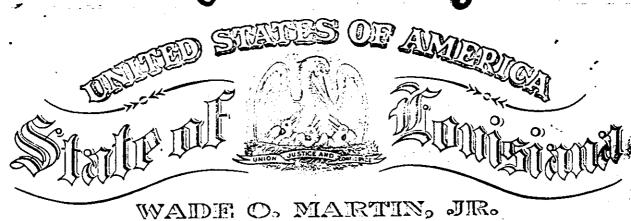
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Date September 8, 1965

Secretary of State, State of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, made available a True and Correct copy of the Articles of Incorporation of ANTI-COMMUNIST CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

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I, the undersigned Secretary of State, of the State of Louisiana

DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the annexed and following is a True and Correct copy of the Articles of Incorporation of

ANTI-COMMUNIST CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,

A Louisiana corporation domiciled at Bogalusa,

As shown by comparison with document filed and recorded in this Office on February 15, 1965.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of my Office to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on,

September 7, 1965.

Secretary of State

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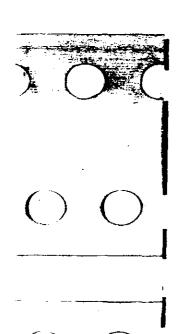
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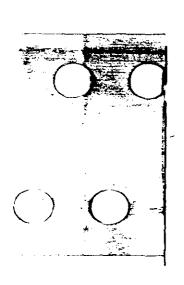
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 UNITED STATES VERNMENT

# Memorandum

Assistant Director W. C. SULLIVAN

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FROM



Inspector

SUBJECT:

INJUNCTION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE KU KLUX KLAN AND OTHER RACIAL-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS RM

With the completion of hearings September 11, 1965, against the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) in New Orleans, it is apparent that the injunction is a potent weapon against the Klan and hate-type organizations. This 'device will, no doubt, be used further by the Department in its efforts to combat interference with Civil Rights activities.

Early consideration will probably be given by the Department to bringing similar proceedings against the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK) of Mississippi and the United Klans of America (UKA).

In the OKKKK case, the Department was forced to act in haste owing to the critical nature of the Bogalusa situation. Uncertainty as to jurisdiction applicable to overt acts of interference with Civil Rights activities and the extent of necessary proof resulted in failure by the Department to clearly define its investigative objectives. Our investigative potential in a situation such as this is substantially greater when we program our racial coverage to attain specific goals ab initio in preference to working backwards to develop facts of incidents initially regarded in our coverage as purely local violence, as the case in Bogalusa.

On the basis of our New Orleans experience, some of the problems and areas of coverage we should be prepared to handle are outlined below:

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#### I. JURISDICTION

Interference with Civil Rights activity of any type, and especially in that area defined in the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (CRA, 1964), would be a possible area wherein the Department could seek injunctive relief against interference with Civil Rights workers. Particular attention is pointed to the fair employment practices section of the CRA, 1964, public accommodations and school integration areas, voter registration and any other zone of activity wherein an organized effort is made to interfere with the Civil Rights program aimed at establishing equality of races.

1. Utilization of fair employment practices section of the CRA, 1964.

In the Bogalusa situation, Negroes were picketing busine establishments claiming that they were not afforded fair employment opportunities by the picketed establishments. Police failed to adequately control the street activity while picketing was in progress and pickets were repeatedly assaulted by Klansmen and others in the city streets. On the theory that the establishments being picketed were required under Section 7, CRA, 1964, to meet the terms of this act, the Department ruled that interference with picketing seeking the opportunities permitted in the statute was in violation of the Act; hence, interference with pickets was an overt act in conflict with the provisions of CRA, 1964.

To show that a business establishment was covered by the Act, it was necessary to prove that it dealt in interstate commerce and employed over 100 people. The concept of total number of employees encompassed in the Department's theory was all employees of the parent organization. The Department indicate too, that franchise-type businesses might fall in the same categor as direct subsidiaries; therefore, proof was asked as to the applicability of CRA, 1964 to such businesses as Western Auto stores, Walgreen and Rexall outlets and similar licensed private businesses.

#### II. PROOF OF OVERT ACTS

The overt acts of interference with Civil Rights activity must be proved through legally admissible evidence. Thus, interference with picketing or other activity would require interviews with the subjects and victims, results of the observations of police officers and observing FBI Agents, interviews with bystanders, store owners and especially through photographs where available. The foregoing investigation would be necessary in connection with each overt act alleged. All of the evidence must be appropriately documented to establish its admissibility. Klan membership of offenders must be established through appropriate testimony such as informants or admissions of the offenders.

#### III. INJUNCTION TARGETS

The targets that would logically be picked in circumstances where injunctive relief was sought would be the following:

- 1. Klan and organizations organizing and/or supporting interference with programs in furtherance of Civil Rights
- 2. The leaders of the Klan and other organizations interfering with the Civil Rights program
- 3. Klan and other organization members and other individuals participating in acts of interference or violence against the Civil Rights program or its workers

# IV. DATA WHICH MUST BE ASSEMBLED

To successfully initiate an injunction proceeding, the following categories of data must be assembled and available for use in a hearing.

- 1. The persons and records which will be necessary to establish jurisdiction must be identified.
- 2. Official records or certified copies of these records, such as incorporation papers of Klan organizations, must be secured.

Arrest data, including court records and bond data covering offenses against Civil Rights workers must be secured.

- 3. FBI, police, newspaper and other news media pictures of incidents, as well as activities typical of the Civil Rights program, must be assembled to show graphically the exact problem involved in arrest and interference situations. Pictures of parades, marches, picketing, Klan leaders and members who will be named in the injunction and pictures of arrests and offenses are all of value.
- 4. Documents and literature which will depict objectionable activities and programs of the organizations and persons subject to the proceedings.

In this regard, the regular literature put out by the Klan and hate groups defines their objectives, outlines their programs, elaborates on their philosophies and, if admissible, is of great value in identifying the aims, purposes and objectives of the organizations.

- 5. List of officers, meeting places, records and fund depositories, and names of individuals in possession of this data are of great value.
- 6. Publications of the organizations, such as their constitution, oath, pamphlets outlining meeting procedures, rules for programs, such as boycotts and pressure tactics are all valuable as evidence.

# V. COURT PROCKEDINGS

Since an injunction proceeding is civil in nature, it is heard before a Judge or panel of Judges, as was the case in New Orleans. The Government secured direct proof of most of its allegations by subpoening Klansmen with their records. Under direct testimony, Klan functionaries made disclosures affirming or stipulating to Government charges eliminating the need for informant testimony in these areas.

Standby witnesses are necessary to inject the elements of Purjury or Contempt into the proceeding if the adverse witnesses testifying take the Fifth Amendment or resort to untruths.

Confrontation of the Klan leadership testifying with documents, Klan literature and records was an excellent means of prompting lagging memories and inducing admissions that would not have been made without prompting.

The foregoing is but a brief sketch of the problems encountered in the New Orleans injunction proceeding. This information has been set forth to show the scope of the problems involved in this type of investigation. Forearmed with knowledge as to the proof necessary to initiate an injunction proceeding, we should, with proper direction afforded to our continuing racial investigation, be able to assemble on a continuing basis the data necessary to support a plea for injunctive relief against interference with Civil Rights activities.

In the case of Klan organizations such as the WKKKK and the UKA, the Bureau probably has enough information in its files at this time to initiate successful injunction actions. Supplemental investigation will be necessary, however, to round out the evidence in those areas which we did not in our regular coverage have cause to contemplate as a phase of injunction cases. This was the same problem we faced in the New Orleans case.

It is evident that the Departmental Attorneys were pleased with their New Orleans operations. They will undoubtedly employ the injunction again in other areas to attack groups interfering with Civil Rights programs. Natchez, Mississippi, is a community Departmental Attorney D. ROBERT OWEN mentioned specifically in this regard.

A successful injunction proceeding gives the court direct power to take effective action against organizations and individuals violating its mandate. This action is powerful since it is summary in character. In the case of the Klan, it forces the organization to expose itself as to membership, programs, activities and any failure to comply with court orders will generate only more forceful action in exposing the organization's operations.

The Klan's success stems from its conspiratorial character. It stimulates in its members a feeling of security in irresponsibility and lawlessness under the cloak of hooded anonymity.

Stripping this veil of security by exposing to public censure the loutish types who thrive in Klandom's concealment will go far in reducing the volume of crimes which have confronted us in the South in recent years.

The injunction proceeding appears to have the answers to many of our Klan problems. Preparedness for additional injunction actions will be demanding in its concept and exhaustive in its manpower demands, but it will produce a net economy in operating costs by its debilitating effect on the Klan and other hate group: in the racial field.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

- l. It is suggested that the Bureau discuss this program, with the Civil Rights Division of the Department to identify further injunction targets. This action is particularly desireable now with the view of obtaining a maximum period for the preparation for forthcoming cases.
  - 2. Offices covering Klan and hate organizations should be briefed on the use of the injunction to counteract their interference in Civil Rights programs.

Inspector New Orleans Division

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Reference is made to your memorandem of 9/13/65 concerning injunctive proceedings against the Elan and similar Organizations.

The institution of injunction proceedings is of course a matter entirely within the discretion of the Department. This has been discussed with the Civil Rights Division, which advised that consideration is being given to the advisability of filing such a suit at Matches, Mississippi, but the Department sees not intend to initiate a windespread program of this type and does not at this time contemplate filing any other such suits. The Department will remain alert for evidence indicating that in some other area the Klan or a similar organization may be interfering with individuals seeking to exercise their civil fights. Upon receipt of such evidence the Department will consider the advisability of initiating guit seeking injunctive ralief.

Such a suit would of necessity be based upon specific instances of interference with voting activity, voter registration activity, or rights established under the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Under present policy interference of this type is immediately investigated and the facts of the interference should be sufficiently established by the investigations presently being conducted. It would appear fundamental that the evidence collected during the course of such investigations will be properly documented to insure its admissibility in any request court action.

In view of existing Bureau instructions concerning the ventifation of interference with persons seeking to exercise eir civil/rights and in view of the fact that the Department 10 697

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is not considering any widespread program of filing suits seeking injunctions, it is relt that no further instructions to the field are necessary with regard to these substantive violations.

The points which you raised regarding the obtaining of Klan documents and literature during the course of Klan investigations are being separately considered at the Bureau, and you will be further advised in this regard.

# NOTE:

The Department has filed a civil suit at Bogalusa, Louisiana, seeking to enjoin the Klan to prevent interference with persons seeking to exercise their rights under the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Hearings have been completed, and the matter is presently pending a decision to be made by the court after both sides have filed briefs.

Inspector make the as suggested further injunction proceedings would be desirable and has recommended it be discussed with the Department and that offices covering Klan and hate organizations be briefed on the use of the injunction to counteract their interference in civil rights programs. He also suggests that information be gathered on a continuing basis to support such suits and points out the need when a case goes to court of having evidentiary material including such items as incorporation papers of Klan organizations and other Klan documents and literature.

The Domestic Intelligence Division should advise Inspector concerning his comments dealing with the investigation of Klan and similar organizations.

Discussion with the Department was with D. R. Owen, Civil Rights Division, on 9/22/65.

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Inspector Nov Orleans Division

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October 4, 1965

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated 9/13/65 and Bureau letter dated 9/27/65, relating to injunctive proceedings against the Elan and similar organizations.

As-you are sware, current Bureau regulations for intelligence-type investigations of Klan and hate group organizations and their leaders cover the general field you mentioned. As an example, the Manual of Instructions requires that information be developed concerning the charters or incorporation papers of such organizations although actual copies meed not be obtained. It is felt that obtaining examplified copies of these papers at the present time would be of doubtful value since there is always the possibility of challenge by defense atterneys and to avoid any successful challenge these papers should be obtained at a time more closely related to the legal proceedings in which they are to be introduced.

Injunctive proceedings by their very nature are not as clear out as to evidence needed to establish the facts as in the trials of other violations within the Dureau's jurisdiction. In such proceedings, it is to be expected that the Department will examine all pertinent naturial and will pinpoint that pertion needed for evidence. Theregish investigation by the field in Elan and hate group investigations can alleviate some last minute problems but since the Department draws from a variety of reports and letterhead memorands submitted in many cases, it does not appear that all problems could be anticipated or climinated. The Dureau has continually emphasized the need for comprehensive, aggressive investigation. As in all Dureau investigations, the field is required to shock out as much as possible, information abtained on a confidential basis and to appropriately preserve data which may be of evidentiary value at a letter date.

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In the absence of specific action by the Department, there appears to be no present need to enlarge upon current Bureau procedure. The importance of these cases has been and will continue to be emphasized in communications to the field and your observations will be of assistance in discussing problems with In-Service classes.

# NOTE:

Inspector memorandum set forth his observations regarding problems which arose in connection with the civil suit filed by the Department at Bogalusa, Louisiana, seeking to enjoin the Elan and certain individuals from interfering with persons seeking to exercise their rights under the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Inspector suggested further injunction proceedings might be under consideration by the Department and felt that offices covering Klan and hate organizations should be briefed on the use of the injunction. He also suggests that information be gathered on a continuing basis to support such suits. The General Investigative Division responded to his memorandum as related to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and also contacted the Department determining that the Department has no present plans for a widespread program of this type.

The Manual of Instructions provides for comprehensive, intelligence—type investigations in these cases. These regulations appear adequate for general intelligence gathering although it is anticipated that in any specific proceeding the Department will have a number of requests for particular documents or information. The field is presently collecting literature and other documents from its sources. As pointed out in outgoing, obtaining of charter papers at the present time may preclude their admission in court, in view of lapse of time. Evidence of this nature of necessity has to be obtained at a time more closely related to a particular court action.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: Mr. John Doar Assistant Attorney General

September 9, 1965

Attention: Mr. Richard K. Parsons

et al., Subjects: et al., Victims

Bogalusa, Louisiana Public Accommodations (Interference) Civil Rights Act of 1964

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- Qc6 Thermo-Fax copy of a typewritten document bearing the heading "PUBLISHED BY THE ORIGINAL EU KLUX KLAN OF LOUISIANA" and captioned "THE STORY OF THE LEOPARD'S STRIPES" (your item 6)
- Q7 Carbon copy of a two-page typewritten document bearing the heading "BOYCOTT RULES" (your item 7)

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- K2 Typewritten letter dated July 8, 1965, signed (your item b)
- K3 Carbon copy of a typewritten letter dated July 26, 1965, over the typewritten signature of ty

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Item Qc6 has been prepared with a Thermo-Fax copying machine.or similar copying device.

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NOTE: See memorandum to Mr. Conrad dated 9/6/65 captioned as above.

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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To: Mr. John Doar

Assistant Attorney General

September 10, 1965

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Attention: Mr. Richard K. Parsons

United States versus
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AT APPROXIMATELY NINE AM, THIS DATE, THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, WHO ARE LEADERS OF THE BOGALUSA VOTER'S LEAGUE (BVL), WERE ARRESTED BY THE BOGALUSA PD ON AN ORDER FROM JUDGE A. J. JONES, BOGALUSA, CHARGING THEM WITH CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY OF JUVENILES - ENTICING THEM OUT OF SCHOOL. THOSE ARRESTED ARE PRESENTLY INCARCERATED.

A RESTRAINING ORDER WAS SINGED BY JUDGE JIM WARREN RICHARD-SON, WASHINGTON PARISH, ON OCTOBER NINETEEN, WAST, AGAINST THE ABOVE SIX INDIVIDUALS AND IN ADDITION THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS.

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THIS RESTRAINING ORDER ENJOINS THESE INDIVIDUALS FROM INTER-FERRING AND ENTICING THE NEGRO YOUTH OF BOGALUSA FROM ATTENDING SCHOOL. THE ORDER IS "ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE ON TWENTYSEVEN, OCTOBER, NINE THIRTY AM, WHY A PRELIMINARY WRIT OF INJUNCTION SHOULD NOT BE ISSUED HEREIN PENDING TRIAL OF THE PLAINTIFF'S APPLICATION FOR A PERMANENT JNJUNCTION."

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THE LEADERS OF THE MARCH ADVISED ASSISTANT COP L. C. TERRELL THAT THEY WISHED TO MARCH TO SIXTH STREET AND THEN TO COLUMBIA STREET, HOWEVER, SIXTH STREET IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE PRESENT TIME AND POLICE CARS CANNOT PROCEED ON THIS STREET. THEREFORE, CHIEF TERRELL REQUESTED THAT THEY CHANGE THEIR ROUT OF MARCH TO

SOME OTHER STREET.

THE MARCHERS REFUSED TO CHANGE THEIR ROUT OF MARCH AND AT
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MARCHERS THAT TH\_\_\_\_SHOULD EITHER GO BACK TO \_\_\_\_\_ LABOR TEMPLE OR DISPERSE AND GO ON THEIR WAY, AND THEY SHOULD BREAK UP THE GATHER-ING ON THE STREET OR THEY WOULD BE ARRESTED. AT THIS TIME, MOST OF THE CROWD RETURNED TO THE LABOR TEMPLE, HOWEVER, APPROXIMATELY TWENTYFIVE FEFUSED TO MOVE AND WERE PLACED UNDER ARREST. THEY WERE PUT IN A BOGALUSA SCHOOL BUS AND TAXEN TO JAIL. ALL ARRESTED WERE NEGROES EXCEPT ONE WHITE CORE WORKER JOHN HAMILTON.

THE OTHER NEGROES WENT INTO THE NEGRO LABOR TEMPLE. ANITA LEVINE, A WHITE CORE WORKER, ADVISED THAT THEY SHOULD ALL GO TO JAIL; HOWEVER, SHE WOULD NOT GO TO JAIL AS SHE WAS CONTACTING THE CORE ATTORNEYS IN NEW YORK, REGARDING THIS MATTER.

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## UNITED STATES VERSUS ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

On November 2, 1965, Judge John Wisdom, United States District Judge, Eastern District of Louisiana, was contacted concerning the case of the United States versus the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Judge Wisdom advised that he was presently drafting his opinion in this matter and was striving to complete this opinion by the end of the present week.

Judge Wisdom cautioned, however, that once he had completed his opinion in this matter, it would have to be reviewed by the other judges hearing the case before the matter would be completely resolved.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE

#### EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

MEN CRLEANS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by Nicholas deB. Katzenbach, Attorney General of the United States,

Plaintiff,

CRICINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KTAN, an unicorporated Association; ANTI-COMMUNIST CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, a corporation; SAXON FAFILER; CHARLES CHRISTMAS; RUSSELL MAGEE; DEWEY SMITH; VIRGIL CORKERN; ALBERT APPLEWHITE; E. J. (JACK) DIXON; DELOS WILLIAMS; JAMES M. FILIS; HARDIE ADRIAN GOINGS, JR.; ESLEY FREEMAN; ARTHUR RAY APPLEMENTE; JAMES A. HOLLINGSWORTE, JR.; RANDLE C. FOUNDS; SIDNEY AUGUST WARNER; ELLLY ALFORD; RAWLIN WILLIAMSON; LOUIS APPLEMENTE; WILLIS ELACKWEIL; J. A. HOLLINGSWORTE, SR.; LATTIMORE MONEESE; IRA DUNAWAY; DOYLE TYNES; CHARLES RAY WILLIAMS; FRANKLIN HARRIS; CHARLES McCLENDON; DELTON GRAVES; MILTON EARL PARKER; MERVIN TAYLOR; VAN DAY; RAY RISNER; JAMES D. TERREIL; J. D. JONES; RICHARD E. KREBS; MICHAEL R. HOLDEN; JAMES BURKE; ALBERT SIMMONS, JR., and NOEL BALL, JR.

Defendants

CIVIL ACTION NO. 15793

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Defore WISPOM, Corcuit Judge, and CHRISTENBERRY and AINSWORTH, District Judges.

WISDOM, Circuit Judge:

This is an action by the Nation against a klan.\*

The United States of America asks for an injunction to protect
Negro citizens in Washington Parish, Louisiana, seeking to assert their
civil rights. The defendants are the "Original Knights of the Ku Klux
Klan", an unincorporated association, the "Anti-Communist Christian
I.ssociation," a Louisiana corporation, and certain individual klansmen,
nost of whom come from in and around Bogalusa, Louisiana.

The defendants admit most of the allegations of the complaint.

Their legal position is that a private organization and private persons are beyond the reach of the civil rights acts authorizing the Attorney General to see for an injunction. There is no merit to this contention.

Seeking refuge in silence and secrecy, the defendants object to the zemission of any evidence as to klan activities. We hold, however, that what the klan is and what the klan does bear significantly on the material issues and on the appropriate relief.

In deciding to grant the injunction prayed for, we rest our conclusions on the finding of fact that, within the meaning of the Civil Rights Acts of 1957 and 1964, the defendants have adopted a pattern and practice of intimidating, threatening, and coercing Negro citizens in Washington Parish for the purpose of interfering with the civil rights of the Negro citizens. The compulsion within the klan to engage in this unlawful conduct is inherent in the nature of the klan. This is its ineradicable evil.

We find that to attain its ends, the klan exploits the forces of hate, prejudice, and ignorance. We find that the klan relies on systematic economic coercion, varieties of intimidation, and physical violence in attempting to frustrate the national policy expressed in civil rights legislation. We find that

the admission, whether cloaked and hooded members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, or skulking in anonymity as members of a sham organization, "The Anti-Communist Christian Association", or brazenly resorting to violence on the open streets of Bogalusa, are a "fearful conspiracy against society . . [holding] men silent by the terror of [their acts]and 2 / [their] power for evil".

and only Grand Wizard of the original Invisible Empire, dismayed by mounting, uncontrollable violence laid to the klan, ordered the klan to disband and directed klansmen to burn their robes and hoods.

General Forrest was a Confederate cavalry hero, a man without fear and, certainly to most Southerners, a man beyond reproach. He announced that he would dissociate himself from all klansmen and cooperate with public officials and the courts in enforcing law and order. But the founders of the Invisible Empire had sown dragon's teeth.

The evil that led General Forrest to disband the original Ku Klux Klan was its perversion of purposes by undisciplined klans led

4 by irresponsible leaders. The evil we find in the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is an absolute evil inherent in any secret order holding itself above the law: "the natural tendency of all such organizations . . . to violence and crime." As history teaches, and as the defendants' admissions and the proof demonstrate in this case, violence and crime follow as the night the day when masked men conspire against society itself. Wrapped in myths and misbeliefs which they think relieve them of the obligations of ordinary citizens, klansmen pledge their first allegiance to their Konstitution and give their first loyalty to a cross fittingly in flames.

None of the defendant klansmen is a leader in his community. As a group, they do not appear to be representative of a cross-section of the community. Instead they appear to be ignorant bullies, callous of

the harm they know they are doing and lacking in sufficient understanding to comprehend the chasm between their own twisted Konstitution and
the noble charter of liberties under law that is the transform
Constitution.

Legal tolerance of secret societies must cease at the point where their members assume supra-governmental powers and take the law in their own hands. We shall not allow the misguided defendants to interfere with the rights of Negro citizens derived from or protected by the Constitution of the United States and now expressly recognized by Congress in various civil rights statutes. We enjoin the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, its dummy front, the Anti-Communist Christian Association, and the individual defendants from interfering with orders of this Court and from interfering with the civil rights of Negro citizens in Washington Parish. Specifically, these rights include:

- the right to the equal use and enjoyment of public facilities, guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment;
- (2) the right to the equal use and enjoyment of public accommodations, guaranteed by the Civil Rights Act, 42 USC 2000a;
- (3) the right to register to vote and to vote in all elections guaranteed by the Fifteenth Amendment, by 42 USC 1971, and by the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and
- (4) the right to equal employment opportunities, guaranteed by the Civil Rights Act, 42 USC 2000e.

I.

The United States sues under authority of 42 USC 1971;

42 USC 2000a-5 and e-6. Under those sections and under 28 USC 1345,
this Court has jurisdiction of the action. We resolve any doubt as
to the reach of these sections in favor of the Government's standing
to sue in a case of this kind. In its sovereign capacity the Nation
has a proper interest in preserving the integrity of its judicial
system, in preventing klan interference with court orders, and in
making meaningful both nationally created and nationally guaranteed
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civil rights.

We turn now to as detailed findings of fact.

A. Background. The invisible realm of the Original Knights coincides with of the Ku Klux Klan/indiudes-the-eight-parishes-in the Sixth ConThis district is composed of gressional District of Louisiana. These-exe/the "Florida" parishes, the area /east of the Mississippi River and north of Lake Pontchartrain claimed 7 by Spain until 1810. The events giving rise to this action took place in Washington Parish and centered in Bogalusa, the largest municipality in the Parish. Bogalusa is on the Pearl River at a point where the river forms the boundary between Louisiana and, Mississippi. It has a population of about 14,000 white persons and 7,500 Negroes.

The Grand Dragon of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and President of the Anti-Communist Christian Association is Charles Christmas of Amite in Tangipahoa Parish. Saxon Farmer, who seems to have an uncanny capacity for being present whenever there is racial trouble in Fogalusa, is the second in command of both organizations, Grand Titan of the Klan and Vice-President of the Anti-Communist Christian Association. In February 1955 he was elected to both offices simultaneously. He is also the Exalted Cyclops of one of the Bogalusa Klaverns (local units). In 1960 this Court entered an order in the case of United States v. McElveen et als. (C.A.No. 9146) against Saxon Farmer and others enjoining them from interfering with the rights of Nogro citizens to vote. That order restored to voter registration rolls of Washington Parish the names of 1,377 Negro citizens Farmer and others, then active in the Citizens Council, had unlawfully jourged from the rolls.

The evidence clearly establishes that the Anti-Communist Christian Association is not a bona fide, independent organization

but is the defendant klan thinly disquised under a respectable title.

At an earlier time, the klan's dummy organization was called the

Bogalusa Gun and-Righe Club. The defendants' efforts to appear

respectable by association may also be reflected in the location of

the klan's principal office in the Disabled American Veterans Hall.

The officers, members, internal structure, method of paying dues of the ACCA and the klan are identical. The corporate structure of the ACCA includes nothing but a charter. The governing rules and by-laws of the ACCA are the Klan Konstitution. The secret oath for admission and resignation in both organizations is the klan oath.

Nothing is required of klan members to become members of the ACCA, except identifying to the secretary of the klan unit their assigned secret klan number. Klan members are then furnished a small green card with the name Anti-Communist Christian Association printed thereon. This Court finds that the defendant klan has appeared in this cause.

The pretense that the klan does not exist, has ceased to exist, or has made no appearance in this cause is a sham.

Until recently Washington Parish was segregated from cradle to coffin. After Congress adopted the 1964 Civil Rights Act, however, the Negroes in Bogalusa began a broad scale campaign to gain recognition of their rights. Working tarough the Bogalusa Voters League, they conducted voter registration clinics, held mass meetings to call attention to their grievances, picketed places of public accommodations to protest racially discriminatory policies, and petitioned the Mayor of Bogalusa to accord equal rights in voting, public facilities, employment, and education.

The klan has been the center of a-pattern and-practice-of unlawful activity in Washington Parish designed to interfere with the efforts of Negro citizens to gain equal rights under the law. Its objective has been to preserve total racial segregation in Bogalusa

B. Defendants' Admissions. An unusual feature of this litigation is the defendants' damning admission. The defendants admit that the klan's objective is to prevent Washington Parish Negroes from exercising the civil rights Congress recognized by statute. In their pleadings, the defendants concede that they furthered their objective by --

- (a) assaulting, threatening, and harassing Negroes who seek to exercise any of their civil rights, and assaulting, threatening and harassing persons who urge that Negroes should exercise or be accorded those rights;
- (b) committing, threatening to commit, and urging others to commit acts of economic retaliation against Negroes who seek to exercise these rights, and against any persons who urge that Negroes should exercise or be accorded these rights, or who permit open, free and public discussion on the issue;
- (c) threatening and intimidating public officials and businessmen who accord or seek to accord Negoges their rights without regard to race or color.

The reason for the admissions was evident at the trial and is evident in the defendants' brief. The United States subpoenced over a hundred witnesses and, no doubt, was prepared to prove every allegation in the complaint. Because of the defendants' admissions, the disputed issues were few and only a few witnesses were called. As a result, the klan avoided an airing of its activities that necessarily would have occurred had a large number of witnesses testified. Not content with the success of this maneuver, the defendants objected to the introduction of "any evidence pertaining to the activities of the Ku Klux Klan" on the grounds that (a) the klan had ceased to exist and (b) "delv[ing] into these unrelated matters" was solely "to expose" the Ku Klux Klan, an invasion of the "privacy and individual freedoms of all these defendants".

As indicated earlier, however, the nature of the klan's activities bears directly on the existence of a pastern and practice of unlawful conduct and also on the sort (r decree that should be issued.

The Government subpoenaed membership lists and records of the klan. The defendants failed to produce these records and at the hearing explained that all of the records of the klan had been destroyed as a matter of klan policy after suit was filed. The Court ordered Christmas, Farmer, and John Magee, the treasurer, to compile from memory lists of officers and members. Counsel for the defendants objected to the admissibility of the lists for the reasons that: (1) there were no lists and records in the custody of the defendants; (2) the requirement was an invasion of the rights of privacy and association. The defendants did not rely on the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination; they relied on NAACP v. Alabama, 1958, 357 U.S. v. 449, 78 S. Ct. 1163 2 L. Ed 2d 1488. The Court overruled the objections.

NAACP v. Alabama does not support the defendants' position.

In that case Justice Harlan, speaking for a unanimous Court, held that the rights of the members of the NAACP to pursue their lawful interests privately and to associate freely with others were protected by the 14th Amendment. Accordingly, the NAACP was relieved of the nucessity of turning over its membership list to the State of Nabama. In reaching that decision the Court distinguished New York on the Bryant v. Zimmerman, 1928, 278 U.S. 63, 49 S. Ct. 61, a case a case 13 L.M. 184 /involving a New York Chapter of the Ku Klux Klan. A New York statute required any unincorporated association which demanded an path as a condition to membership to file with state officials copies of its "constitution, by-laws . . . a roster of its In Zimmerman nembership and a list of officers". The Court found that the statutory classification was reasonable, because of the "manifest tendency on the part of one class to make the accrecy surrounding its purposes

and membership a cloak for acts and conduct inimical to personal rights and public welfare. . . 'It is a matter of common knowledge that this organization [the klan] functions largely at night, its members disguised by hoods and gowns and doing things calculated to strike terror into the minds of people'. The Supreme Court reaffirmed this distinction in NAACP v. Alabama. Justice Harlan pointed out:

"[In Zimmerman] the Court took care to emphasize the nature of the organization which New York sought to regulate. The decision was based on the particular character of the klan's activities, involving acts of unlawful intimidation and violence . . . of which the Court itself took judicial notice."

Here the defendants admit that the klan's methods are lawless. Albertson
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the question at issue in Zimmerman and NAACP v. Alabama.

- C. Out of Their Own Mouths. (1) The Konstitution of the Original Ku Klux Klan embodies "the Supreme Law of the Realm". Article I states that one of the objects of the organization is to "protect and defend the Constitution of the United States"; but another object is to "maintain forever Segregation of the races and the Divinely directed and historically proven supremacy of the White Race". The preamble reaffirms "the principles for which our forefathers mutually pledged and freely sacrificed their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor two centuries ago"; but Article II limits the membership to "mature, Native-born, White, Gentile Men . . . who profess and practice the Christian Faith but who are not members of the Roman Catholic Church".
- (2) Printed with the Konstitution is a Proclamation stating that it must be "STRICTLY ADHERED TO." The Proclamation states that "ALL REALM work is carried on by a chain of command", establishes the organization along military lines, defines the duties of the various officers and committees, and describes "The Way of the Klavern".

"All Klaverns will have at least five armed guards with flashlights posted during regular meetings." However, "No one will be allowed
to carry a gun inside the Klavern during regular meetings except the
Knight Hawk (Keeper of the Klavern )."

A klokan's (Klavern Investigator's) duty is "to investigate all

puestituable matters pertaining to the Klavern". "Any Klansman

who is known to violate our rules, capecially those that give

information to any aliens [non-members] shall be expelled immediately,

then is to be watched and visited by the Wrecking Crew if necessary".

(Emphasis added.) Moreover, each klan unit "will set up at least

one team of six men to be used for viecking crew. These men

should be appointed by the Klokan in secrecy". As judges charged

with the duty of drawing inferences from the demeanor of witnesses,

for

we observed that a former klansman exhibited uneasiness/if-not

fear of klan reprisals, when questioned as to the function of

the klan "wrecking crew". The defendants' testimony relating to

the purpose and functions of the wrecking crew was evasive. There

however

is no doubt/that the wrecking crew performed disciplinary functions

and that the discipline could be severe.

(3) The Oath of Allegience requires faithful obedience to the "Klan's Konstitution and Laws", regulations, "rulings and instructions of the Grand Dragon". "PROVIDENCE ALONE PREVENTING".

Klanemen must swear "forever" to "keep sacredly secret . . all .. matters and knowledge of the \* \* \* " [one asterisk is Klanese for 'Klan'; four asterisks mean "Criginal Knights of the Ku Klux Klan] . . . [and] never divulge same nor even cause same to be divulged to any person in the whole world". As if this were not enough, the Oath also requires klanemen to swear that they "solemnly vow and most positively swear" never "to yield to bribe, threats, passion, punishment, persecution, persuasion, nor any inticements (sic) whatever . . . for the purpose of obtaining . . . a secret or secret information of the XXXX. "Section IV on "XXXX ISHNESS"

goes a little further. In this section of the oath the klansmen must swear to "keep secret to [himself] a secret of a man committed to him in the sacred bond of \* manship. The crime of violating this oath, treason against the United States of America, rape, and malicious murder alone excepted." (Emphasis added.) In pure klanese, the Mansman pledges his "life, property, vote, and sacred honor" to uphold "unto death" the Constitution and "constitutional laws". (Emphasis added.) But he ends by swearing that he will "zealously shield and preserve... free segregated public schools, white SUPREMACY."

(4) The "Boycott Rules" give a good idea of the Klan's coercive tactics. For example:

"The Boycott Committee- (one member from each local unit appointed by the Exalted Cyclops) shall have. exclusive investigative authority and it shall not act at any time with less than three members present. (1) No person or subject upon whom a boycott shall have been placed shall be patroxized by any member. . Boycotts shall be imposed upon subjects who are found to be violating the Southern traditions. . Boycotts shall be placed upon all members of the Committee who publicly served with Bascom Talley in his efforts to promote the Brocks Hays meeting. Boycotts shall be placed upon any merchant using Negro employees to serve or wait upon persons of the white race. (Service Stations using Negroes to pump gas are excluded.) Boycotts shall be placed against a subject who serves Negroes and whites on an integrated basis. Boycotts shall be placed upon a subject who allows Negroes to use White rest rooms. . . . No member shall be punished for violation of the rules by a member of his family under twelve (12) years of age. Any member who shall after a hearing have been found guilty of personally patronizing a subject listed on the boycott list shall be wrecked by the wrecking crew who shall be appointed by the Committee. (Emphasis added.) . . . Second offense - If a member is found guilty of personally violating the boycott list he shall be wrecked and banished from the Klam."

It is not surprising that the attorneys for the United States 9 had difficulty extracting from klansmen answers to questions.

the Klan pumports to perform its dirty work in the factor of Tubus.

Christ. The first object stated in the "Objects and Purposes"

clause of the Konstitution of this anti-Roman Catholic, antiSemitic, hate-breeding organization is to "foster and promote the

tenets of Christianity". The Proclamation requires the Kludd

(Klavern Chaplain) to "open and close each meeting of the Klavern

with prayer". Setting some kind of a record for sanctimonious cant,

the Proclamation directs the Kludd to "study and be prepared to

explain the 12th chapter of ROMANS at any time, as this is the

religious foundation of the Invisible Empire". (Emphasis added)

Saint Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles, wrote his Epistle to the Romans in Corinth, midway between Rome and Jerusalem. Addressing himself to Jews and Gentiles, he preached the brotherhood of man: "Glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: For there is no respect 10 of persons with God." In the Twelfth Chapter of Romans, Paul makes a beautiful and moving plea for tolerance, for brotherly love, for returning good for evil:

9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor'

that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. 10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; 14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. . . 17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink; for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. "

These words must fall on stony ground in the Klaverns of a Klan.

- D. Specific Findings of Klan Intimidation and Violence.

  We select the following examples of the defendants acts of intimidation and Violence.
- (1) January 7, 1965, former Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas, at the invitation of religious, business, and civic leaders from Bogalusa, was scheduled to speak in Bogalusa at St. Matthews Episcopal Church Parish House on the subject of community relations. The meeting was to be open to both Negroes and whites and it was planned that seating would be on a racially non-segregated basis. After learning of the proposed appearance of Mr. Hays and the arrangements for an unsegregated meeting, the Klan and its members protested to the Mayor and the members of the Commission Council and, by means of threats of civil disorder and economic retaliation against local businessmen who supported the meeting, caused the withdrawal of the invitation to Mr. Hays to speak. December 18, 1964, before the Hays invitation was withdrawn, the Mayor of Bogalusa and Police Commissioner Arnold Spiers, in an effort to head off possible civil disorder, appeared at a Klan meeting at the Disabled Veterans Hall. The show of force at this meeting by over 150 hooded Klansmen unquestionably intimidated public officials in Bogalusa and, later, hindered effective police action against Klan violence. On the stand, Mayor Cutrer admitted that he was "frightened when he looked into 150 pairs of eyes".
- (2) Since at least January 28, 1965, the defendants, including Saxon Farmer, Russell Mages, Dewey Smith, Randle C. Pounds, Billy Alford, Charles McClendon, James Burke, and other members of the defendant Klan, have made a practice of going to places where

they anticipated that Negroes would attempt to exercise civil rights, in order to harass, threaten, and intimidate the Negroes and other persons. For this purpose, members of the defendant Klan have gone to Franklinton, Louisiana, when Negro citizens of Washington Parish were expected to apply to register as voters, have gone to restaurants in Bogalusa when Negroes were seeking or were expected to seek service, and have gone to locations in downtown Bogalusa and near the Bogalusa Labor Temple when Negroes were attempting or were expected to demonstrate publicly in support of equal rights for Negroes.

- came to Bogalusa in January 1965. The Grand Dragon and Grand Titan of the Klan, defendants Charles Christmas and Saxon Farmer, appeared at the Mayor's office to ask the Mayor to send William Yates and Stephen Miller out of Bogalusa. Mayor Cutrer indicated that he could do nothing. The next day, February 3, 1965, three Klansmen, James Hollingsworth, Jr., James Hollingsworth, Sr., and Delos Williams, with two other persons, Doyle Tynes and Ira Dunaway, attempted to insure Yates' and Miller's departure. This group followed Yates and Miller and assaulted Yates.
- (4) February 15, 1965, defendant Virgil Corkern, Klansman, and approximately 30 other white persons attacked five Negro citizens and damaged the car in which they were riding. This occurred because

the Negroes had sought service at a gasoline station in Bogalusa. On that some day, Corkern and other persons gathered at Landry's Fine Foods, a restaurant in Bogalusa, to observe Negroes seeking service at the restaurant. Corkern and one other entered the restaurant brandishing clubs, ordered the Negroes to leave and threatened to kill Sam Barnes, a member of the Bogalusa Voters League, who had come to the restaurant with six Negro women.

- (5) March 29, 1965, defendants Hardie Adrian Goings, Jr., Klansman, and Franklin Harris, Klansman, shortly after meetings had been held at the Bogalusa Labor Temple, threw an ignited tear gas canister at a group of Negroes standing near the Labor Temple.

  Goings, Jr. then tried to disguise his car by repainting it and removing the air scoop from the top to prevent detection of this crime. Goings or other Klansmen used this same car in May of 1964 to burn a cross at the home of Lou Major, editor of the Bogalusa newspaper.
- (6) April 7, 1965, defendants Lattimore McNeese and

  E. J. (Jack) Dixon, Klansman, threatened Negro citizens during the course of a meeting at the Labor Temple by brandishing and exhibiting a gun at Negroes standing outside the Labor Temple.
- (7) April 9, 1965, defendants Billy Alford, Klansman, Randle C. Pounds, Klansman, Lattimore McNeese, Charles McClendon, and James Burke, Klansman, with other persons, went to the downtown area of Bogalusa where Negro citizens were participating in a march to the Bogalusa City Hall to protest denial of equal rights. Pounds, McClendon, and Burke, in a group, moved out to attack the marchers. Pounds assaulted the leader of the march, James Farmer, with a blackjack; McClendon and Burke were temporarily deterred from the threatened assault, but immediately thereafter assaulted a newsman

and an FBI agent. Alford assaulted one of the Negroes participating in the march.

- (8) May 19, 1965, Virgil Corkern, Klansman, two sons of Virgil Corlern, and other white persons went to Cassidy Park, a public recreation area maintained by the City of Bogalusa, for the purpose of interfering with the enjoyment of the park by Negroes and white CORE workers who were present at the park and using the facilities for the first time on a non-segregated basis. The Corkern group entered the park and dispersed the Negro citizens with clubs, belts, and other weapons.
- (9) Negro members of the Bogalusa Voters League, unable to exercise their civil rights and also unable to obtain from police officials adequate protection from the Klan, filed suit June 25, Civ.Ac. No.15,727 1965, in the case of Hicks v. Knight /in this Court. The complaint asks for an injunction requiring officers of the City of Bogalusa to open the public parks and to operate such parks without racial discrimination, and also requiring law enforcement officers of the City, Parish, and State to protect the Negro plaintiffs and other Negroes from physical assaults, beatings, harassment, and intimidation at the hands of white citizens. July 10, 1965, this Court issued an injunction in Hicks v. Knight enjoining certain city and parish law enforcement officers from failing to use all reasonable means to protect the Negro plaintiffs and others similarly situated from physical assaults and beatings and from harassment and intimidation preventing or discouraging the exercise of their rights to picket, assemble peaceably, and advocate equal civil rights for Negroes. The preliminary injunction is still in full force and effect. Even after this Court issued its order July 10, 1965, the defendant Klansmen continued to interfere with Negro citizens exercising civil rights and

interfered with performance of the duties of law enforcement officials under the injunction in <u>Hicks v. Knight</u>.

- (10) July 11, 1965, during a Negro march in downtown Eogalusa, defendants Randle Pounds, Klansman, H. A. Goings, Jr., Klansman, Fitanklin Harris, Klansman, and Milton E. Parker were present. Harris and Goings passed out 25-30 2x2 clubs to youths and Pounds stationed the youths along the march route. Parker was arrested by a City policeman along the route of march for disburbing the peace.
- bearing the caption, "Published by the Original Ku Klux Klan of Louisiana". These are crude, scrilous attacks on certain Bogalusa citizens who advocated a moderate approach to desegregation. For example, in one handbill an Episcopal minister is accused of lying for having said that he had received calls threatening to bomb his church; the minister's son is said to be an alcoholic, to have faced a morals charge in court, and to have been committed to a mental institution. The handbill adds:

"The Ku Klux Klan is now in the process of checking on Reverend \_\_\_\_\_\_ 's [naming him] moral standards. If he is cleared you will be so informed. If he is not cleared, you will be informed of any and all misdeeds or moral violation of his in the past."

In the same handbill the Klan announced that it was "boycotting businesses which cater to integration such as Mobile Gas Stations, etc." Mobile Gas Station is a business competitor of the defendant, Grand Titan Saxon Farmer.

All of the handbills attempt to intimidate public officials, the Governor of Louisiana, the Congressman from the Sixth District, the Layor of Bogalusa, and federal judges (by name). Sometimes the attempted intimidation is by threat of violence, sometimes by

### We quote, character assassination. / for example:

(a) "On numerous occasions we have been asked by local officials to refrain from any acts of violence upon this outside scum that has invaded our city. Being a christian organization, we have honored these requests each time. How much longer can we continue??? Contrary to what the liberal element would have you think, this nemorandum is not the work of racist and hate mongers or trouble makers, as Governor 'Big John' McKeithen calls us. We are God fearing white, southerners who believe in constitutional government and the preservation of our American heritage.

"If your governor would have done the right thing to start with, he would have refused to protect these local and outside agitators and did just what one great southern governor did. He refused to protect this outside element, (CORE, NAACP, SNICK, ETC.), at the expense of his state. He chose, instead, to let LBJ and Katzenbach protect them. Only after the city of Bogalusa had spent \$96,000, did he (Big John McKeithen), make any effort to ease the situation in this city."

(b) "As the people tried to preserve our Southern way of life, the Mayor and Council were slowly selling the people out at every turn. The Mayor has repeatedly GIVEN in. James Farmer did not have the support of the local Negroes. Mayor Cutrer is not giving the city of Bogalusa to the negro citizens of Bogalusa. No. He is giving the city to James Farmer and a handful of Negro Teenagers. NO PRESSURE was put on James Farmer and Dick Gregory to keep them out of Bogalusa. Not by the Mayor, the State Representative, the State Senator, or Congressman Morrison. This was not so when the WHITE CONSERVATIVES wanted to stage a Rally. Pressure was exerted from all levels, even the invited guest spakers were 'leaned on'.

"The Governor, the Congressman, Jimmy Morrison, or his com-rats, Suksty Rayborn, and Buster Sheridan. John McKeithen asked for our vote and promised to serve the PEOPLE. We now ask, Big John, isn't this TRUE? What is happening under your administration?

"Here is the list of elected officials who COULD & AND SHOULD have helped the People of Bogalusa. All these should be tarred and feathered.

MAYOR JESSIE CUTRER
REPRESENTATIVE SHERIDAN
SENATOR SIXTY RAYBORN
SHERIFF DORMAN CROWE
CONGRESSMAN JIMMY MORRISON
GOVERNOR JOHN MCKEITHEN
SENATOR RUSSELL LONG

"Now the QUESTION. Why have these men, elected by

the WHITE people turned their back on us in our time of need?

"Is Communism so close? Who bought them? Who bought their HONOR and FOR HOW MUCH?"

- (c) "The Ku Klux Klan is strongly organized in Bogalusa and throughout Washington and St. Tammany Parishes. Being a secret organization, we have KLAN members in every conceivable business in this area. We will know the names of all who are invited to the Brooks Hayes meeting and we will know who did and did not attend this meeting. Accordingly, we take this means to urge all of you to refrain from attending this meeting. Those who do attend this meeting will be tagged as intergrationists and will be dealt with accordingly by the Knights of the KU KLUX KLAN."
- E. Summary of the Facts. We find that the defendants have admitted and the proof has shown that they intimidated, harassed, and otherwise interfered with (1) Negroes exercising their civil rights, (2) persons encouraging Negroes to assert their rights, and (3) public officials, police officers, and other persons seeking to accord Negroes their rights. These acts are part of a pattern and practice of the defendants to maintain total segregation of the races in Washington Parish. The pattern creates an effect extending beyond the effect of any particular act or practice. A Negro who is clubbed in a public park may fear to order coffee in a segregated sandwich shop or he may decide that it is the better part of valor not to exercise voting rights. The owner of the sandwich shop who receives threatening calls for having served Negro patrons may conclude that taking care of his family comes ahead of hiring Negro employees. The intimidation or violence may be effective not only as to the particular individual against whom it is directed but also as to others who may be less courageous than the Nagroes brave enough to parade in Bogalusa or register to vote in Franklinton. The acts of terror and intimidation admitted or proved in this case, acts characteristic of a masked, secret conspiracy, can be halted only by a broad order emjoining the defendants

from unlawfully interfering with the exercise of civil rights by Negro citizens.

III.

The defendants contend that the complaint fails to state

a claim upon which relief can be granted. They start with the

docurring that the 14th and 15th Amendments apply only to state

action of action under color of state law. A. This moves them

as a matter of statutory construction,

to conclude that Congress did not purport to enforce civil

rights against private persons. Moreover, so they argue, the

interference with interference with

10.57 Act applies to/"voting" not to/"registering". B. And,

they say if civil rights acts do authorize enforcement against

private persons (not owners or managers of a place of public

accommodation) the statutes are unconstitutional.

Α

(1) The Civil Rights Act of 1957. In the field of civil rights the problem of enforcement is more difficult than the problem of legislative definition. The choice of remedy determines whether an act of Congress simply declares a right or carries machinery for meaningful performance of the statutory promise. In the past, an obvious hiatus has been the lack of effective sanctions against private persons interfering with a citizen's exercise of a civil right. This lack may be explained by a number of reasons. (a) Con-

gress has been reluctant to assert affirmatively by legislation its responsibility to protect the privileges and immunities of citizens of the United States, for fear of imperiling the belonged relationship between the states and the Nation. (b) Courts have narrowly construed criminal sanctions available in Section 241 and 242 of Title 18. (c) Congress and the courts have been severely limited by the doctrine of state action, in spite of the trend toward an expansive view of what is state action. (d) Congress has been wary of using an equitable remedy in civil rights legislation. The Constitution guarantees an accused in a criminal case the right to indictment by a grand jury and trial by a jury of the vicinage. Enforcement of civil rights through the use of an injunction and the contempt power of the courts would by-pass the jury system. However, in communities hostile to civil rights and resentful against "outside", that is, federal interference, injunctive relief may be the most effective method of enforcing civil rights.

the Administration submitted an omnibus civil rights bill in 1956.

The focal issues—the contempt power, the jury system, and the relationship of the States with the Nation—produced one of the great debates in American parliamentary history. By the time the bill was cut down to a voting rights law, as the Civil Rights Act of 1957, 71 Stat.

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/Congress and the country thoroughly understood the significance of the legislation. Congress had opened the door, then nearly shut, to national responsibility for protecting civil rights—created or guaranteed by the Nation—by injunction proceedings against private persons.

Congress considered/these\_and\_related\_cons

the pros and cons of these and many other issues when

Part III of the Administration's bill, as originally proposed, would have authorized the Attorney General to file suit against any

person who deprived or was about to deprive any citizen of any civil right. The compromise that became the Civil Rights Act of 1957 limits civil actions to protection of oting rights in special, general, or primary elections where federal officers are elected.

Before the 1957 Act, Section 1971 (now 1971(a)) was enforced either by an action for damages under 42 U.S.C. §1983 and §1985(3) or by a criminal action under 18 U.S.C. §241, 242. The 1957 Act adds four subsections to 17.

Section 1971, including:

"b. No person, whether acting under color of law or otherwise, shall intimidate, threaten, or coerce any other person for the purpose of interfering with the right of such other person to vote or to vote as he may choose, or of causing such other person to vote for, or not to vote for, any candidate for the office of President, Vice President, presidential elector, Member of the Senate, or Member of the House of Representatives, Delegates or Commissioners from the Territories or possessions, at any general, special, or primary election held solely or in part for the purpose of selecting or electing any such candidate.

"c. Whenever any person has engaged or there are reasonable grounds to believe that any person is about to engage in any act or practice which would deprive any other person of any right or privilege secured by subsection (a) or (b), the Attorney General may institute for the United States, or in the name of the United States, a civil action or other proper proceeding for preventive relief, including an application for a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order, or other order. In any proceeding hereunder the United States shall be liable for costs the same as a private person."

(Emphasis added.)

The House Report on the Act--there was no Senate Report-- clearly states the purpose of the amendments to 1971:

"This section adds new matter. The provision is a further declaration of the right to vote for Federal offices. It states clearly that it is unlawful for a private individual as well as one acting under color of law to interfere or attempt to interfere with the right to vote at any general, special, or primary election concerning Federal offices. This amendment, however, does not provide for a remedy. However, the succeeding subsection of the amendment, which is designated subsection (c),

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does provide a remedy in the form of a civil action instituted on the part of the Attorney General." House Report No. 291, to accompany H.R. 6127, U.S. Code Cong. and Adm. News 1966, 1977 (1957) (Emphasis added)

Although Congress narrowed the subject matter of the statute to voting rights, there is nothing narrow about the scope of the Act as to interference with voting rights. The statute is not limited to physical acts or to direct interference with the act of voting but applies to--

"any act or practice which would deprive any other person of any right or privilege secured by subsection (a) or (b)..."

The statute applies to "any person" who shall--

"intimidate, threaten, coerce or attempt to intimidate, threaten or coerce for the purpose of interfering with the right of such person to vote."

There is no doubt that this language applies to private individuals. And there is very little doubt that the Act protects the right to register and to engage in activities encouraging citizens to register. As discussed more fully elsewhere, registration is an integral, indispensable part of the voting process. It is also a stage that is vulnerable to abuse by the registrar or to unlawful conduct by private persons. Ever since the Supreme Court outlawed the "white" primary, it has been apparent that the main battleground in the war over Negro suffrage would be the registration office. for example, the description of the activities of the Citizens Councils and parish registrars in United States v. Louisiana, E.D.La. 1953, 22: F. Supp. 353, 378-80. Congress was well aware that a major mischief to be combatted in the 1957 Act was economic coercion and threats of intimidation by private persons that would deny or interfere with the Negro's access to registration.

Nore often than not, the economic coercion and intimidation by private persons are triggered by an educational campaign to encourage registration. United States v. Beatty, 6 Cir. 1961, 288 P. 21 653 is a case in point. The case arose in Haywood

County, Tennessee, a county in which no Negroes were registered to vote. In the spring of 1959, a newly formed Civic and Welfare League, apparently similar to the Bogalusa Voters League, initiated a campaign in Haywood and in Payette Counties to encourage Negroes to register. This led to the institution of a "white" primary in Fayette; later prohibited by a consent decree in April 1960. In the face of a renewed registration drive, white businessmen in both counties retaliated by circulating a "blacklist" containing the names of the Negroes who registered and white citizens who assisted them. The businessmen induced local merchants to boycott anyone whose name appeared on the list, by denying credit and the right to buy necessities through the usual business relations. White landowners evicted sharecroppers and tenant farmers who had registered or whose names appeared on the blacklist. The Attorney General sued the businessmen and landowners, under Section 1971, for immediate injunctive relief. district judge granted a restraining order enjoining the businessmen from "interfering through intimidation and/or coercion", but refused to enjoin the landowners on the ground that the Civil Rights Act did not vest the court with authority "to adjudge contracts and property rights". 6 Race Rel. L. Rep. 200. The Sixth Circuit affirmed the judgment as to the businessmen and extended the injunction to the landlords.

In East Carroll Parish, Louisiana, cotton growers refused to gin cotton for Negro farmers who had attempted to register to vote. The Atterney General again sued under the 1957 Act. Judge Dawkins granted a restraining order, as preventive relief, against owners, operators, and managers of cotton gin businesses and certain other businesses. The Court restrained the defendants from "refusing to gin . . . . refusing to sell goods or services, and to conduct ordinary business transactions with, any person for the purpose of discouraging or dissuading such person from attempting to vote and . . . engaging

in any attempted threats, intimidations, or coercide of any nature, whether economic or otherwise. United States v.

Deal, W.I.La. 1961, 6 Race Rel. L. Rep. 474.

The parallel between the defendants' intimidation by and economic coercion in Beatty/ in Deal, and the defendants' boycott and other activities in this case is too patent to be spelled out. Beatty and Deal also illustrate a principle of enormous importance in the enforcement of civil rights: acts otherwise lawful may become unlawful and be enjoined under Section 1971, if the purpose and effect of the acts is to interfere with the right to vote.

In United States v. Board of Education of Greene County, Mississippi, 1964, 332 F. 2d 40, the Fifth Circuit affirmed the holding below that the government failed to prove that the alleged intimidation was for the purpose of interfering with the right to vote. But, as Judge Tuttle explained in United States v. Bruce (not yet reported, decided Nov. 16, 1965, No. 22028), the Court in the Greene County case assumed:

"Whereas a school board might, under the circumstances present in that case, have legally failed to renew a teacher's contract for any reason or for no reason at all, if it in fact declined to renew the [teacher's] certificate as a means of coercing or intimidating the teacher as to her right to vote, such conduct would be prohibited under the Act."

In <u>United States v. Bruce</u> twenty-eight white persons in Wilcox County, Alabama, notified Lonnie Brown, a Negro insurance collector, to stay off land owned or controlled by them.

As a result Brown could not reach many of his policy-holders.

Brown had been active in urging his Negro neighbors and friends to register to vote in Wilcox County, a county where no Negroes were registered. The Court held that the trial court erred in dismissing the complaint:

"The background allegations make a strong case upon which the trial court could infer the correctness of the conclusionary allegations that these defendants did in fact 'intimidate and coerce' the Negro citizens of Wilcox County, through the person of Lonnie Brown, for the purpose of interfering with their right to vote." 23:

We hold that the Civil Rights Act of 1957 applies to private persons, including the defendants impleaded in this case. We hold that the Act applies to interfering with the right to register as well as interfering with the right to vote; that the Act protects Negro citizens against the coercion, intimidation, and violence the defendants admitted or were proved to have committed in this case.

(2) The Civil Rights Act of 1964. The '64 Act creates new categories of civil rights and extends the authority of the Attorney General to protect such rights by a civil suit for injunctive relief against any person, public or private.

or jurposes of this proceeding, to most pertinent provisions are those relating to (a) places of public accommodation, (b) equal employment opportunities, and (c) public facilities. As clearly as words can say, these provisions reach any person and any action that intervers with the enjoyment of civil rights secured by the Act. Thus, 42 U.S.C. \$2000a-2 of Title II, is not limited to prohibiting discrimination or segregation by the owner or manager of a place of public accommodation. The section provides:

"No person shall (a) withhold, deny, or attempt to withhold or deny, or deprive or attempt to deprive, any person of any right or privilege secured by section 2000a or 2000a-l of this title, or (b) intimicate, threaten, or coerce, or attempt to intimicate, threaten, or coerce any person with the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by section 2000a or 2000a-l of this title, or (c) punish or attempt to punish any person for exercising or attempting to exercise any right or privilege secured by section 2000a or 2000a-l of this title."

And to enforce the law, Section 2000a-5 (a) allows the Attorney General to sue "any person or group of persons":

"Whenever the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe that any parson or group of persons is engaged in a pattern or practice of resistance to the full enjoyment of any of the rights secured by this subchapter, and that the pattern or practice is of such a nature and is intended to deny the full exercise of the rights herein described, the Attorney General may bring a civil action requesting such preventive relief, including an application for a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order or other order against the person or persons responsible for such pattern or practice, as he deems necessary to insure the full enjoyment of the rights herein described. " [Emphasis supplied.]

Section 2000e-6 of Title VII, relating to equal employment opportunities, tracks the language of Section 2000a-5(a).

This suit is not one to desegregate public facilities under

Title VII of the Act. However, Section 2000-b is relevant, since

it demonstrates again the broad Congressional objective of authorizing
the Actorney General to sue as defendance "such parties as are or

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Decome necessary to the grant of effective relief". The defendants' interference with the right of Regroes to use public facilities in Bogalusa is relevant to the cause of action, for that interference was part of a pattern and practice of total resistance to the Negroes' exercise of civil rights.

(3) In sum, in the Civil Rights Acts of 1957 and 1964, Congress recongnized that when a Negro is clubbed or coerced for having attempted to register or for having entered a "white" restaurant, the action most likely to produce effective relief is not necessarily for the Negro to complain to the local police or to sue for damages or to make charges under 18 USC 241, 242. The most effective relief for him and for all others affected by the intimidation may be an injunction by the Nation against the private persons responsible for interfering with his civil rights.

Effectiveness of remedy is not the only reason for the Congressional grant of authority to the Attorney General of the United States. The Nation has a responsibility to supply a meaningful remedy for a right it creates or guarantees. As Justice Story wrote, in sustaining the constitutionality of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1793:

"If, indeed, the constitution guarantees the right, and if it requires the delivery [of the fugitive slave] upon the claim of the owner..., the natural inference certainly is, that the national government is clothed with the appropriate authority and functions to enforce it. The fundamental principle, applicable to all cases of this sort, would seem to be, that when the end is required, the means are given. .. Prigg v. Pennsylvania, 1842, 41 U.S. (17 Pet.) 539, 614.

It is one thing when acts are mere invasions of private rights; "it is quite a different matter when Congress undertakes to protect the cititen in the exercise of rights conferred by the Constitution of the United States essential to the healthy organization of the government itself". Ex parte Yarbrough, 1884, 110 U.S. 651, 665, 4 S.Ct. 152, 188 L.Ed. 274. We turn now to the defendants' constitutional arguments.

The defendants' constitutional arguments rest on a misunderstanding of the constitutional sources for the civil Rights 24 Acts of 1957 and 1964.

(1 The Civil Rights Act of 1957: Protection of Right to Note From Unlawful Interference. (2) In upholding the constitutionality of the voting provisions of the 1957 Act, we need not 25 consider the Civil War Amendments. Section 1971 (b), here enforced unler 1971 (c), is limited to prohibiting interference with the right to vote in elections for federal office. Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution is an express grant of authority to Congress to regulate federal elections:

"The times, places and manner of holding elections for senators and representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such regulations, except as to the places of choosing Senators."

As the House Committee pointed out in its report on the law, United States v. Classic, 1941, 313 U.S. 299, 61 S. Ct. 1031, 85 L.Ed. 1368, "establishes the authority in Congress to legislate concerning any and all elections affecting federal officers, whether general, special, or primary, as long as they are 'an integral part of the procedure of choice or where in fact the primary effectively controls their choice.'" U.S.Code Cong. and Adm. News, 85 Cong. 1957, p. 1977. The Supreme Court said, in Classic:

"While, in a loose sense, the right to vote for representatives in Congress is sometimes spoken of as a right derived from the states, [citations omitted] this statement is true only in the sense that the states are authorized by the Constitution, to legislate on the subject as provided by §2 of Art. I, to the extent that Congress has not restricted state action by the exercise of its powers to regulate elections under §4 and its more general power under Article I, §8, clause 18 of the Constitution 'to make all laws which shall be accessfy and proper for carrying into execution the light powers."

(b) Under the "sweeping claust, Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, Congress may enact all laws "necessary and proper" to carry out any of its powers, including, of course, its power to requlate federal elections. This provision leaves to Congress the choice of the means to execute its powers. "Let the end be legitimate, let it be within the scope of the Constitution, and all means which are appropriate, which are plainly adapted to that end, which are not prohibited, but consist with the letter and spirit of the Constitution are constitutional". McCulloch v. Maryland, 1819, 4 Wheat. 316, 421.

"There is little regarding an election that is not incircled in the terms 'time, place and manner of holding it'".

United States v. Munford, 1833, C. C., E.D.Va., 16 F. 223. The

Supreme Court has said:

"It cannot be doubted that these comprehensive words embrace authority to provide a complete code for congressional elections, not only as to times and places, but in relation to notices, registration, supervision or voting, protection of voters, prevention of fraud and corrupt practices, counting of votes, during of inspectors and canvassers, and making and publication of election returns; in short, to enact the numerous requirements as to procedure and safeguards which experience shows are necessary in order to enforce the fundamental right involved." Smiley v. Holm, 1932, 285 U.S. 355, 156, 76 L.Ed. 795.

Two facts make it appropriate for Congress to reach registraas part of the "manner of holding elections".

"Lon/ First, registering is a preraquisite to voting. Second,

registration is a process for certifying a citizen as a qualified

voter in both federal and state elections. A law protecting the

right to vote could hardly be appropriate unless it protected the

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right to register. In Classic language, registering is a "necessary step" and "integral" in voting in "elections". In Classic,

"interference with the effective choice of the voters" in a

Louisiana Democratic primary was interference "at the only stage

of the election procedure when their choice is of significance.

Here, in terms of a meaningful right to vote, in Aference with

Negro citizens' registering is interference at the most critical

It is true of course that

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did not know about the registration process; but they did not have

in mind the selection of senators and representatives by the

direct primary. In United States v. Louisiana, E.D.La. 1963,

on other grounds,

225 F. Supp. 353, 359, aff'd./1965, 380 U.S. 145 this Court

said:

"Congressional authority [under Article I, §4] extends to registration, a phase of the electoral process unknown to the Founding Fathers but today a critical, inseparable part of the electoral process which must necessarily concern the United States, since registration to vote covers voting in federal as well as in state elections.

In United States v. Manning, W.D.Lz. 1963, 215 F. Supp. 272, one of the constitutional attacks on the Civil Rights Act of 1960 was directed at the provision for Illiand registrars. In the opinion upholding the act, the Court considered it important that--

"For purposes of accomplishing the constitutional objective the electoral process is indivisible. The act of casting a ballot in a voting booth cannot be cut away from the root of the process. It is the last step in a process that starts with registration. Similarly, registration is an indivisible part of elections. . . There is no separate registration for folderal elections. Any interference with the qualified voter's right to register is therefore interference with a federal election." 215 F. Supp. at 283

(c) Classic relied on three important cases that constitue the nature and extent of the power of Congress to regulate federal elections: Ex parte Siebold, 1880, 100 U.S. 371, 25 L.Ed. 717; Ex partie Yarbrough, The Ku Klum Klam cases, 1884, 110 U.S. 651, 4 s.ct. 152, 28 L.Ed. 274; and Burroughs v. United States, 1934, 290 U.S. 534, 54 s.ct. 287 , 78 L.Ed. 485. Frame, These cases

point to the principle that a congressional statute protecting against private interference before the voting stage is necessary and proper legislation under Article I, Section 4, whenever it is reasonably related to "protection of the integrity" of the federal electoral process. Classic, 313 U.S. at 316.

Ex parte Siebold involved a conviction of state election of state election of conficers for ballot-stuffing in a falaral election. The Court had before it the Enforcement Act from which Section 1971 was derived. The statute contained a number of entonsive voting and registration regulations, including a provision for the appointment of federal election supervisors. These supervisors were authorized to cause such names to be registered as uney may think proper to be so marked. In sustaining the validity of the legislation under Article I, Section 4, the Court commented:

"It is the duty of the States to elect representatives to Congress. The day and fair election of these representatives is at what I importance to the United States. The government in the transaction than the State government is. He certainly is not bound to stand by as a passive tractator, when duties are violated and orders as a frauds are committed. It is directly increased in the faithful performance, by the officers of election, of their respective duties. Those duties are owed as well to the United States as to the State."

In Yarbrough the Court had before it the question whether

Congress could protect civil rights against private interference,

specifically klan aggression in the form of intimidation of voters.

Yarbrough and eight other members of a Georgia klan were indicted

for conspiring to intimidate a Negro in the exercise of his right

to vote for a congressional representative. It was shown that

they used physical violence and that they went in disguise upon

the public highways. They were convicted under the section of the

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inforcement Act of 1870, Revised Statutes Section 5508,/the pre-

crimina. law counterpart to 42 U.S.C. 1971. The Act forbade two or more persons "to conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate any citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to by the Constitution or laws of the United States" or to "go in disquise on the highway, or on the premises of another, with intent to prevent or hinder [such citizen in) his free exercise or enjoyment" of any such right; or to "conspire to prevent by force, intimidation, or threat, any citizen who is lawfully entitled to vote" from voting for presidential electors or members of Congress. Justice Miller, in a powerful opinion for the Court, sustained the conviction and held the statute valid. The opinion made it clear that the right to vote in federal elections is a privilege of national citizenship derived from the Constitution. Congress therefore "can by law protect the act of voting, the place where it is done and the man who votes, from personal violence or intimidation, and the election itself from corruption of fraud. " Nor does it matter that state and federal offices are elected in the same election. The congressional powers are not "annulled because an election for state officers is held at the same time and place". 110 U.S. at 660.

The heart of the Yarbrough decision is the Court's emphasis on the transcendent interest of the federal government. The violence and intimidation to which the Negro was subjected were they important because/it alloyed the purity of the federal political process. The federal government "must have the power to protect the elections on which its existence depends from violence and corruption". 110 U.S. at 658. This implied power arises out of governmental necessity. The Court said:

"The power in either case arises out of the circumstance that the function in which the party is engaged or the right which he is about to exercise is dependent on the laws of the United States.

"In both cases it is the duty of that government to see that he may exercise this right freely and to protect him from violence while so doing or on account of so doing. This duty does not arise solely from the interest of the party concerned, but from the necessity of the government itself, that its service shall be free from the adverse influence or force and fraud practiced on its agents, and that the votes by which its members of Congress and its President are elected shall be the <u>free</u> votes of the electors, and the officers thus chosen the free and uncorrupted choice of those who have the right to take part in that choice."

Since it is the purity of the federal political process that must be protected, the protection may be extended against interference with any activity having a rational relationship with the federal relationst process. Thus, the "rationale of Yarbrough indicates congressional power over voting, though limited to federal elections, extends to voter registration activities", including registration rallies, voter education classes, and other activities intended to encourage registration.

election practices which go far beyond the act of voting in an application. The property of the campaigning stage rather than the voting stage and apply to private persons having no part in the election machinery. In <u>Burroughs</u> the contention was made that under Article II, Section 1 the states control the manner of appointing presidential electors; Congress is limited to prescribing the time of choosing electors and the day on which they cast their votes. In upholding the validity of the Federal Corrupt Practices Act of 1925, the Court, relying on <u>Yarbrough</u>, said:

"While presidential electors are not officers or agents of the federal government . . ., they exercise federal functions under, and discharge

duties in virtue of authority conferred by, the Constitution of the United States. The president is vested with the executive power of the nation. The importance of his election and the vital character of its relationship to and effect upon the welfare and safety of the whole people cannot be too strongly stated. To say that Congress is without power to pass appropriate legislation to safeguard such an election from the improper use of money toinfluence the result is to deny to the nation in a vital particular the power of self-protection. Congress undoubtedly, possesses that power, as it possesses every other power esential to preserve the departments and institutions of the general government from impairment or destruction, whether threatened by force or ly corruption." 110 U.S. at \$45

the states' power over the manner of appointing presidential electors is similar to the states reserved power to establish voting qualifications. Notwithstanding this unquestioned power in the states, "Burroughs holds that 'Congress' has the implied power to protect the integrity of the processes of popular election of presidential electors once that mode of selection has been chosen by the state." There is an obvious parallel between corruption of the federal electoral process by the use of money and corruption of the same process by acts of violence and intimidation that prevent voters from getting on the registration rolls or, indeed, from ever reaching the registration office.

Classic involved federal indictments against state election commissioners for falsely counting ballots in a Democratic party primary. The Court held that under Article I, Section 4 and the necessary and proper clause, Congress had the implied power to regulate party primaries. The "interference [was] with the effective choice of voters at the only stage when their choice is of significance. . . . The primary in Louisiana is an integral part of the procedure for the popular choice of Congressmen". The right to choose is a right "secured by the Constitution". 313 U.S. at 314.

Moreover, "since the constitutional command is without restriction or limitation, the right, unlike those guaranteed by the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments, is secured against the action of individuals as well as of states." The at 315 Mr. Justice Stone, for the Court, spelled out the rationale:

"The right to participate in the choice of representatives for Congress . . . is protected just as the right to vote at the election, where the primary is by law made an integral part of the election machinery. . . . Unless the constitutional protection of the integrity of 'elections' extends to primary elections, Congress is left powerless to effect the constitutional purpose. . . " 313 U.S. at 318, 319.

The innumerable cases in this Circuit involving civil rights speak eloquently against the use of economic coercion, intimidation, and violence to inhibit Negroes from applying for registration. This interference with nationally guaranteed rights, whether by public officials or private persons corrupts the purity of the political process on Which the existence and health of the National Government depend. No one has expressed this better than Judge Rives in United States v. Wood, 5 Cir. 1961, 295 F.2d 772; cert. denied 369 U.S. 850(1962). In Wood the interorganizer ference was in the form of groundless prosecution of a Negro/who had set up a registration school in Walthall County, Mississippi, where no Negroes had ever registered. He was not even qualified to vote in the county where the intimidatory acts occurred; he was a resident of another county. In reversing the district judge's refusal to stay the state prosecution, the Fifth Circuit noted that the alleged coercion was of the kind the 1957 Act was intended to reach. Judge Rives, for the Court, said:

"The foundation of our form of government is the consent of the governed. Whenever any person interferes with the right of any other person to vote or to vote as he may choose, he acts like a political termite to destroy a part of that foundation. A single termite or many termites may pass unnoticed, but each damages the foundation, and if that process is allowed to continue the whole structure may crumble and fall even before the occupants become aware of their peril. Eradication of political termites, or at least checking their activities, is necessary to prevent irreparable damage to our Government."

We hold that the defendants' acts of economic coercion, intimidation, and violence directed at Negro citizens in Washington Parish
for the purpose of deterring their registering to vote strike at the
integrity of the federal political process. The right to vote in
federal elections, a privilege of national citizenship secured by the
United States Constitution, includes the right to register to vote.
The right to register to vote includes the right to be free from
public or private interference with activities rationally related to
registering and to encouraging others to register.

(2) The Civil Rights Act of 1964: Public Accommodation.

The Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of Title II as it applies to motels and restaurants. Atlanta Motel v. United States, 1964, 379 U.S. 241, 85 S. Ct. 348, 13 L.Ed. 2d 258; Katzenbach v. McClung, 1964. 379 U.S. 294, 85 S. Ct. 377, 13 L.Ed. 2d 290.

The defendants are left, therefore, only with the contention that the Act, for reasons not articulated, should not reach private persons.

The defendants are really arguing against the judgment of Congress in selecting injunctive relief against private persons as one method of enforcing congressional policy. Once it is conceded that Congress has the power, under the commerce clause, to forbid discrimination in public places, there is little doubt that injunctive relief against any person seeking to frustrate the statutory objective is appropriate.

In this Circuit, relying on <u>In re Debs</u>, 1895, 158 U.S. 564, 15 S. Ct. 900, 39 L. Ed. 1092, the courts have held that when private persons burden commerce to the detriment of the national interest, the Nation may enjoin such persons even without enabling legislation. On two occasions courts have issued

injunctions against klans and klansmen engaged in intimidation and violence burdening commerce. United States v. U.S. Flans, H.D. Elz. 1961, 194 F. Supp. 897; Plummer v. Brock, M.D.Fla. 1964, 9 R.Rel.L. Rep. 1399. See also United States v. City of Jackson, 5 Cir. 1963, 318 F.2d. 1.

tunities. Title VII, like Title II, is based upon the commerce clause. The term "industry affecting commerce" used in Title VII parallels the definition of "industry affecting commerce" in the LMRDA (29 U.S.C. 402 (c)). This in turn incorporates the definition of "affecting commerce" in the NLRA (29 U.S.C. 152 (7)). The National Labor Relations Act represents an exercise of congressional regulatory power to "the fullest jurisdictional breadth constitutionally permissible under the Commerce Clause," NLRB v. Reliance Fuel Corp., 1963, 371 U.S. 224, 226; Polish National Alliance v. NLRB, 1944, 322 U.S. 643, 647, a conclusion equally applicable to Title VII.

The sweeping regulations in the NLRA and LMRDA covering the terms, conditions, and policies of hiring and bargaining do not differ in any essential respect from this legislation prohibiting discrimination in hiring practices and on the job assignments. The employer-employee relationship has, of course, direct effect upon the production of industries which are in commerce and upon the practical utilization of the labor force and the power of Congress to regulate these activities cannot be doubted. NLRB v. Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., 1936, 301 U.S. 1; NLRB v. Fainblatt, 1939, 306 U.S. 501, 606; Mabee v. White Plains Publishing Co., 1946, 327 U.S. 178.

Defendants admit that they beat and threatened Negro pickets to prevent them from enjoying the right equal employment opportunity.

The diffect of course is to prevent Regross from gaining free access to potential employers. Such acts not only deter Negroes but intimidate employers who might otherwise wish to comply with the law but fear retaliation and economic loss. This is precisely what the klan's Boycott Rules are designed to 60.

The United States has alleged, the defendants have admitted, and the proof has shown that the defendants have intimidated, harassed, and in other ways interfered with the civil rights of Negroes secured by the Constitution. The admission and proof show a pattern and practice of interference.

Protection against the acts of terror and intimidation committed by the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the individual defendants can be halted only by a broad injunctive decree along the lines of the order suggested by the United States.

The Court will promptly issue an appropriate order.

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#### FOOTNOTES

- \* Although this order is cast in the form of an opinion, it represents the Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law.
- 1. Counsel for the individual defendants take the position that the defendant klan does not exist. The proof shows that the klan continues to exist and to function as a klan in the benign name of the "Anti-Communist Christian Association". See Section II, A of this opinion.
- 2. Report of the Joint Select Committee to Inquire into the Condition of Affairs in the Late Insurrectionary States (Wash. 1872), p. 28. (Majority Report.)
- 3. Testimony of General Porrest before the Joint Select Committee. Note 2, p. 6-14, 449-51.
- 4. In January 1869 General Forrest issued an order to disband which began "Whereas, the order of the Ku Klux Klan is in some localities being perverted from its original honorable and patriotic purposes... Davis, Authentic History: Ku Klux Klan, 125-28, (N. Y. 1928); Carter, Tre Angry Scar, 216 (N. Y. 1959).
- 5. "There is no doubt about the fact that great outrages were committed by bands of disguised men during those years of lawlessness and oppression. The natural tendency of all such organizations is to violence and crime; hence it was that General Forrest and other men of influence in the state, by the influence of their moral power, influence them to disband." Report of the Joint Select Committee, Note 2, p. 463. (Minority Report.)
- 6. In United States v. Raines, 1959, 362 U.S. 17, 27, 80 S. Ct. 519, 4 L.Ed. 5:4 upholding the constitutionality of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 in a suit on behalf of private persons against public officials, the Court said: "It is urged that it is beyond the power of Congress to authorize the United States to bring this action in support of private constitutional rights. But there is the highest public interest in the due observance of all the constitutional guarantees, including those that bear the most directly on private rights, and we think it perfectly competent for Congress to authorize the United States to be guardian of that public interest in a suit for injunctive relief."
- 7. The parishes of Washington, Tangipahoa, St. Tammany, St. Helena, Livingston, Ascension, East Feliciana, West Feliciana, East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Pointe Coupee. and Iberville.
- 8. Aff'd. sub. nom. United States v. Thomas 1962, 362 U.S. 58 S.Ct. L.Ed.

which means public officials, and the activities of private persons and organizations designed to disenfranchise voters in Federal or State elections on account of race or color are not covered by the present provisions of 1971. And so we say that the statute fails to afford the voters rull protection from discrimination which was contemplated by the Constitution, especially the 14th and 15th amendments.

"Also this section 1971 is defective in another respect, because it fails to lodge in the Department of Justice and the Attorney General any authority to invoke civil remedies for the enforcement of voting rights. And it is particularly lacking in any provision which would authorite the Attorney General to apply to the courts for preventive relief against the violation of these voting rights.

"And we think that this is also a major defect. The ultimate goal of the Constitution and the Congress is the safeguarding of the free exercise of the voting right, acknowledging of course, the legitimate power of the State to prescribe nulessary and fair voting qualifications. And we believe that civil proceedings by the Attorney General to stop any illegal interference and denial of the right to vote would be far more effective in achieving this goal than the private suits for damages which are presently authorized by the statute, and far more effective than the criminal proceedings which are authorized under other laws which, of course, can never be used until after the harm has been actually done.

"No preventive measures can be brought under the criminal statutes. So I think--and I believe you will agree with me--that Congress should now recognize that in order to properly execute the Constitution and its amendments, and in order to perfect the intended application of the statute, section 1971 of title 42, United States Code, should be amended in three respects:

"First, by the addition of a section which will prevent anyone, whether acting under color of law or not, from threatening, intimidating or coercing an individual in his right to vote in any election, general, special, or primary, concerning candidates for Federal office.

"And second, to authorize the Attorney General to bring civil proceedings on behalf of the United States or any aggrieved person for preventive or

- 9. On two occasions, the Court found it necessary to warn the witnesses of the penalty for perjury. The Court recessed the hearing to allow time for the witnesses to refresh their recollection, and to find, if possible, any membership lists. On one occasion, a witness pleaded the 5th Amendment when, in a colloquy with the Court, it was apparent that he was afraid of klan reprisal for testifying as to klan records; he withdrew his plea of privilege and testified.
- 10. Romans, Chap. II, v. 10-11.
- 11. See United States v. Cruikshank, 1975, 92 U.S. 542, 23 L.Ed. 588; Slaughter-House Cases, 1873, 16 Wall 36, 21 L.Ed. 394.
- 12. In 1894 Congress repealed most of the provisions dealing with federal supervision of elections. Two general provisions for criminal sanctions were left standing: 42 U.S.C. 5241 (originally Section ( of the Civil Rights Act of 1870, later Section 5508 of the Revised Statutes) providing criminal sanctions against conspiracies to deprive any citizen of any right secured by the Constitution and laws of the United States; and 42 U.S.C. \$242 (originally Section 2 of the C: vil Rights Act of 1866, later Section 5510 of the Revised Statutes (1873), as amended in 1909, 35 Stat. 1092 by adding the word "wilfully") providing criminal sanctions against the deprivation of constitutional rights, privileges, and immunities under color of state lav. See United States v. Williams, 1951, 341 U.S. 70, 7] S.Ct. 581, 95 L.Ed. 758 restricting Section 241 to those cases in which the right allegedly violated is an incident to national citizenslip. See also Screws v. United States, 1945, 325 U.S. 91, 65 S.Ct. 1031, 89 L.Ed. 1495 construing Section 242 as requiring specific intent to deprive a person of the right made specific by the Constitution or laws of the United States. Sections 241 and 242 are now before the Supreme Court again. United States v. Price, . Nos. 59, 60, October Term, 1965; United States v. Quest, No. 65, October Cerm, 1965.
  - 13. See Civil Rights Cases, 1883, 109 U.S. 3, 3 S.Ct. 18, 27 L.Ed. 835; United States v. Reese, 1876, 92 U.S. 214, 23 L.Ed. 478.
  - 14. Hence the compromise affecting jury trials in the 1957 Act: criminal contempt cases arising under the act may be tried by district courts without juries, except where a person convicted is fined more than \$300 or imprisoned for more than 6 months. 71 Stal. 638 (1957), 42 U.S.C. 1995.
- 15. President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights submitted equally broad recommendations. See Report, To Secure These Rights, 151-161 (1947).
- 16. In a hearing before the House Judiciary Committee on the Civil Rights Bill, Attorney General Herbert Brownell explicitly explained the purposes and scope of the proposed amendments to Section 1971 of Title 42:

"The most obvious one of these defects in the law is that it does not protect the voters in Federal elections from unlawful interference with their voting rights by private personnelly other words, 1971 applies only to those who are income calor of law!

other civil relief in any same covered by the statute.

"And third, an express provision that all State administrative and judicial remedies need not be first exhausted before resort to the Federal courts." [Hearings before Subcommittee No. 5 of the Committee on the Judiciary, 85th Cong. 1st Sess., p. 570 (1957)]

17. Section 1971(a) derived from the Civil Rights Act of 1870, defined voting rights as follows:

"(a) All citizens of the United States who are otherwise qualified by law to vote at any election by the people in any State, Territory, district, county, city, parish, township, school district, municipality, or other territorial subdition, shall be entitled and allowed to vote at all such elections, without distinction of race, color, or previous condition of servitude; any constitution, law, custom, usage, or regulation of any State or Recritory, or by or under its authority, to the contrary notwithstanding".

- 13. See Section III, B, (1), (b) of opinion.
- 19. See Key, Southern Politics 555(1949); Civil Rights Commission Faport 133-38(1961).
- 20. In a note, Beatty, Private Economic Coercion and the Civil Rights Act of 1957, 71 Yale L. Jour. 536, 543 (1962), the author points out:

"The Circuit Court's construction of the 1957 act to apply to economic coercion in general and to economic coercion involving contract and property rights in particular seems correct. In requesting legislation to protect voting rights. Brankdent Eisenhower noted: 'It is disturbing that in sorn localities allegations persist that Negro citizans are being deprived of their right to vote and are likewise being subjected to unwarranted economic procesures. ' Senator Douglas, a sponsor of the bill, assembed that the legislation was directed at deminis of voting rights 'by economic pressure' as well as by other means. And Representative Celler, a House sprison, indicated that if 'the milk dealer, the coal dealer, the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker . . . agree . . . to boycott' persons who try to vote, the agreement would violate The proposed law."

21. The Attorney General brought a similar suit to enjoin "intimidation, threat, and coercion" in Tayatte County. United States v. Atkinson, et als, Civ.Ac. 4121, 6 R. Tal. L. Tap. 200(1962). See Mendelson, Discrimination (Proc. 1917 1918) 21. And see United States v. Ellis, W.D.S.C. 1942, 43 F. Stap. 191, 324.

The Sixth Circuit said:

"If sharecropper-tenants in possession of real estate under contract are threatened, intimidated or coerced by the landlords for the purpose of interfering with their rights of franchise, containly the fact that the operation relates to land or contracts would furnish no excuse or defense to the landlord for violating the law." 288 F. 2d 653, 656.

Judge Tuttle added: 23.

> "Thus, although the defendants here may have had an almost restricted right to invoke the Alabama trespass law to keep all persons from entering upon their property after warning, in the exercise of a desire to exercise exclusive ownership and proprietary interest in their property, andy could not legally invoke the right of excluding Lonnie Brown, who had previously been given free access to the property, as a threat or means of coercion for the purpose of interfering with his Fight or the right of others whom he represented in exercising their right to register and vote.

The Supreme Court has affirmed the constitutionality of various provisions of the 1957 Act on other grounds than those at issue here. . United States v. Thomas, 1960, 362 U.S. 58, 80 S.Ct. 612, 4 L.Ed. 28 535; United States v. Raines, 1960, 362 U.S. 17, 80 S.Ct. 519, 4 .. Ed. 23 524; Hannah v. Larche, 1960, 363 U.S. 420, 80 S.Ct. 1502, 6 J.Ed. 2d 1307.

23. Although a statute that is "necessary and proper" legislation to carry out the power of Congress to regulate elections for federal office may also be "appropriate legislation" to "enforce" the provisions of the 15th, 14th, and 13th amendments. The predecessor of Sastion 1971(a) withstood attack on constitutional grounds. In re Engle, 8 Fed. Cas.C.C.D.Md. 1877, 716, No. 4,488. It was held to be a valid exercise of congressional power under the 15th Amendment. Chapman v. King, 5 Cir. 1946, 154 F. 2d 460, cert.denied, 327 U.S. 800; Kellogg v. Warmouth, C.C.D.La. 1872, 14 Fed.Cas. 257, No. 7,667.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 rests, in part, on Section 2 of

the 15th Amendment.

"An abundance of judicial dicts and holdings in analogous situations make clear that the federal power to regulate elections extends equally to the registration process. Any matter affecting the character or choice of the federal electorate is so integrally related to the election ultimately held as to come within the 'holding' of the election under article I, section 4." Van Alstyne, Anti-literacy Test Legislation, 61 Mich. L. Rev. 805, 815(1963).

28. Comment, Federal Civil Action Acainst Private Individuals for Crimes Involving Civil Rights. 7: Tale L. Jour. 1462, 1470(1965). And see Maggs and Wallace, Congress on Literacy Tests, 27 Duke L. & Cont. Prob. 510, 517-521(1962).

29. In that case Hardy, a Negro rotified of Tennessee, a member of the "Student Non-Violent Coordination to tuttee", was in Walthall County, Mississippi for the purpose of output sing Regroes of that county to register and vote. Hardy engag lin an argument with the registrar. The registrar ordered him to leave the office. As he got to the door, the registrar struck him on the back of the head with a revolver. Hardy was arrested and charged with a breach of the peace. The Court hurdled (I) the fact that Handy was not eligible to register and therefore his right to vote was not interfered with; (2) the appeal was from a denial of a request for a temporary restraining order, generally an unappealable order under 28 U.S.C. 1291, 1292; (3) the prosecution was a state criminal court proceeding, protected by the doctrine of comity and Section 2283 severely restricting federal injunctions of state proceedings.

30. The Court finds that on the admissions and on the evidence adduced at the hearing, a preliminary injunction should not issue against Charles Ray Williams, Louis Applewhite, and Willis Blackwell. The Court does not enter a judgment of dismissal as to these defendants, because the United States expressly received the right to introduce additional evidence at the hosping for permanent relief, as to these and other defendants. At the time of the hearing, Blackwell had not been correctly served. We find that Cames Ellis, Sidney August Warner, and Albert Applewhite are members of the klan--ACCA or were members until recently, and therefore should be enjoined. The request for dismissal of the action as to there named defendants and their request for attorneys fees are denied.

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From:

Director, FBI (173-2015)

U. S. VS ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

Reurtel 12/2/65, entitled,"

Bogalusa, La., et al.: Pine Tree Plaza Shopping Center,

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Obstruction Court Order."

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NOTE: Based upon the results of FBI investigation, the Department of Justice filed civil suit against the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the Anti-Communist Christian Association, and 38 individuals in an around Bogalusa, La., including top leaders of the Original Knights of the KKK.

The suit sought injunctive relief to prevent the defendants from interfering with persons seeking to exercise Constitutional rights.

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On 12/1/65, a three-judge Federal court issued an opinion in this matter to the effect that the defendants have adopted a pattern and practice of intimidating, threatening and coercing Negro citizens in Washington Parish for the purpose of interfering with the civil rights of Negro citizens. In view of the fact that this matter is being included in the Director's budget message, New Orleans is being instructed to follow this matter very closely.

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ET AL DASH VICTIMS CIVIL RIGHTS. OBSTRUCTION COURT

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PROTECT NEGRO CITIZENS IN WASHINGTON PARISH SEEKING TO ASSERT THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS. DEFENDENTS ARE THE ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, THE ANTI COMMUNIST CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION AND AND CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL KLANSMEN FROM IN AND AROUND BOGALUSA LOUISIANA. IN GRANTING THE INJUNCTION THE COURT STATES THE DEFENDANTS HAVE ADOPTED A PATTERN AND PRACTICE OF INTIMIDATING, THREATENING AND COERCING NEGRO CITIZENS IN WASHINGTON PARISH FOR THE

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- 2. THE RIGHT TO THE EQUAL USE AND ENJOYMENT OF PUBLIC ASSOMMODATIONS, GUARANTEED BY THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, FOUR TWO USC TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO A.
- 3. THE RIGHT TO REGISTER TO VOTE AND TO VOTE IN
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- 4. THE RIGHT TO EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES,

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- 1. ASSAULTING, THREATENING, AND HARASSING NEGROES
  WHO SEEX TO EXERCISE ANY OF THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS,
  AND ASSAULTING, THREATENING AND HARASSING PERSONS
  WHO URGE THAT NEGROES SHOULD EXERCISE OR BE ACCORDED
  THOSE RIGHTS.
- 2. COMMITTING, THREATENING TO COMMIT, AND URGING OTHERS TO COMMIT ACTS OF ECONOMIC RETALIATION AGAINST NEGROES WHO SEEK TO EXERCISE THESE RIGHTS, AND AGAINST ANY PERSONS WHO URGE THAT NEGROES SHOULD EXERCISE OR BE ACCORDED THESE RIGHTS, OR WHO PERMIT OPEN, FREE AND PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON THE ISSUE.
- 3. THREATENING AND INTIMIDATING PUBLIC OFFICIALS
  AND BUSINESSMEN WHO ACCORD (F) SEEK TO ACCORD
  NEGROES THEIR RIGHTS WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE OR COLOR.

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ASSERT THEIR RIGHTS AND /3/ PUBLIC OFFICIALS, POLICE

OFFICERS, AND OTHER PERSONS SEEKING TO ACCORD NEGROES THEIR

RIGHTS. THESE ACTS ARE PART OF A PATTERN AND PRACTICE OF THE

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STATES HAS ALLEGED, THE DEFENDANTS HAVE ADMITTED, AND THE PROOF HAS SHOWN THAT THE DEFENDANTS HAVE INTIMIDATED, HARASSED, AND IN OTHER WAYS INTERFERED WITH THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF NEGROES SECURED BY THE CONSTITUTION. THE ADMISSION AND PROFF SHOW A PATTERN AND PRACTICE OF INTERFERENCE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION New Orleans, Louisiana December 27, 1965

### UNITED STATES VERSUS ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana on December 22, 1965, handed down a preliminary injunction enjoining the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK), Anti-Communist Christian Association (ACCA) and other defendants from assaulting, threatening, harassing, interfering with or intimidating, or attempting to assault, etc., any Negro in the exercise of his right to the equal use and enjoyment of public facilities and places of public accommodation, of his right to vote free from racial discrimination, or his right to equal employment opportunity.

The Court enjoined defendants from injuring, etc., any official or employee of the City of Bogalusa or Washington Parish on account of employee having accorded Negroes equal treatment. The Court also enjoined defendants from physically assaulting or beating any Civil Rights demonstrators or inflicting upon any person harassment or intimidation which prevents or discourages Civil Rights demonstrators right to picket, assemble peaceably or advocate equal Civil Rights for Negroes.

The Court ordered the OKKKK, ACCA and all unit or group leaders during the time of injunction to maintain membership records and to post conspicuously at all meeting places of said organizations a copy of the Court Decree; the Decree is to be posted at all times and during all meetings. Defendants are to file with the Clerk of Court fifteen days from the date of the Decree a report that postings have been made; thereafter, defendants should file report on or before the fifteenth of each month stating that the Decrees are posted and have been continuously posted since the date of the last reporting period. The Court ordered the United States Marshal to serve copies of the Decree upon each defendant.

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### APPENDIX

ANTI-COMMUNIST CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (ACCA),
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In February, 1965, ACCA filed Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State's Office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

A hearing was held in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, during the week of September 11, 1965, wherein the ACCA and various individuals were held to answer a Justice Department petition seeking a temporary injunction against interference with the activities of civil rights workers in the Bogalusa, Louisiana, area.

Charles H. Christmas of Amite, Louisiana, identified as the Grand Dragon of this organization, told the court that the Klan went out of existence four months previously and was succeeded by the ACCA. In reorganizing, ACCA retained as its officers the existing Klan officers, bylaws, and basic organization, according to Christmas. He further told the court that the ACCA membership was restricted to the Sixth Congressional District of Louisiana. Every oath in the ACCA was the same as that of the Klan, and the meeting places were often the same.

#### APPENDIX

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Plaintiff,	>	••
	>	CIVIL ACTION NO. 15793
VS	)	CIAID MOTION NO. 12122
ORIGINAL KNICHUS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, et al.,	)	
Defendents.	١	•

### PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

Pursuant to the Opinion, the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered in this cause, it is the ORDER, JUDGMENT and DECREE of this Court that:

- 1. The defendants Original Knights of the Ku Klum Man, AntiCommunist Christian Association, Charles Christmas, Saxon Parmer, Russell
  Magee, Dewey Smith, Virgil Corkern, Albert Applewhite, E. C. (Jack) Dixon,
  Delos Williams, Hardie Adrian Goings, Jr., Esley Freeman, Anthon Ray
  Applewhite, James A. Kollingsworth, Jr., James A. Hollingsworth, Sr.,
  Randle C. Pounds, Ray Risner, Billy Alford, Rawlin Williamson, Lautimore
  McNeese, Ira Dunaway, Doyle Tynes, Franklin Harris, Charles McClendon,
  James D. Terrell, Delton Graves, Milton Earl Farker, Van Day, Mervin Taylor,
  J. D. Jones, Richard-E-Krebs, Michael R. Holden, James (Jimmie) Burke,
  Albert Simmons, Jr., Noel Ball, Jr., their agents, employees, officers,
  members, successors, and all those in active concert or participation
  with them be preliminarily enjoined from:
- (a) Assaulting, threatening, harassing, interfering with or intimidating, or attempting to assault, threaten, harass, interfere with or intimidate any Negro in the exercise of his right to the equal use and enjoyment of public facilities and places of public accommodation, of the exercise of his right to vote free from racial discrimination, or of his right to equal employment opportunity; or assaulting, harassing, interfering with, or intimidating, any other person for the purpose of discouraging Negro citizens from exercising such rights;

having accorded or sour to accord Negroes equal treatme in the use of public facilities in Willington Parish;

- (e) Injuring, oppressing, threatening or intimidating any businessman, proprietor or other person having accorded or sought to accord Negroes equal treatment in the use and enjoyment of any restaurant, theatre, hotel, motel or other place of public accommodation, or in employment;
- (d) Physically assaulting or beating any civil rights demonstrators or inflicting upon any person harassment or intimidation which prevents or discourages or is intented to prevent or discourage his exercise of his right to picket, assemble peaceably or advocate equal civil rights for Negroes, or otherwise interfere with the duty of the city and its officials under this Court's order of July 10, 1965, in the case of <u>Ricks</u> v. <u>Knight</u>.
- 2. The defendant Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Anti-Communist Christian Association, Charles Christmas, Saxon Farmer and all unit or group heads of said organization shall during the pendency of this action maintain membership records.
- 3. Defendants Original Knights of the Ku Klum Illan, Anti-Communist Christian Association, Charles Christmas, and Saxon Farmer shall during the pendency of this action post conspicuously at all meeting places of said organizations a copy of this Court's decree. Said decree shall be posted at all times and during all meetings. Said defendants shall file with the clerk of this court, 15 days from the date of this decree, a report, with a copy to the plaintiff, that postings required by this paragraph have been made, and thereafter said defendants shall file such report on or before the 15th day of each month during the pendency of this action stating that the decrees are posted in accordance with this paragraph and have been continuously posted since the date of the last reporting period.

It is further Ordered that the United States Marshal or Deputy

Marshal for this District serve a true copy of this decree upon each of

the defendants enjoined by this decree, upon Louis Applicabilite, James M.

Ellis, Sidney August Warner, and upon each of the persons listed in Attachment B

attached to this decree.

This Cou retains jurisdiction of this c to grant such additional relief as may be required and grants costs and disbursements of this action against the defendant organizations and individual defendants enjoined, for which execution may issue.

CIRCUIT JUDGE

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CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR.

REBUAIRTEL DECEMBER SEVEN LAST.

THE WANTED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA ON DECEMBER TWENTYTWO, SIXTYFIVE, HANDED DOWN A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION ENJOINING THE ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN. ANTI-COMMUNIST CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION AND OTHER DEFENDATAS FROM ASSAULTING, THREATENING, HARASSING, INTERFERING WITH OR INTIMIDATING, OR ATTEMPTING TO ASSAULT, ETC .. ANY NEGRO IN THE EXERCISE OF HIS RIGHT TO THE EQUAL USE AND ENJOYMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION, OF HIS RIGHT TO VOTE FREE FROM RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, OR HIS RIGHT TO EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

ENJOINED DEFENDANTS FROM INJURING, ETC., ANY OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF BOGALUSA TO HASHINGTON PARISH ON ACCOUNT OF EMPLOYEE HAVING ACCORDED NEGROES EQUAL TREATMENT. JAN 5 1966

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Mr. Delouca... Mr. Mohr. Mr. Ca. per.

Mr. Callahan Mr. Conrad ...

Mr. Felt\_

Mr. Gale. Mr. Regent Mr. Sullivar Mr. Tomas

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Tele. Miss Holars Miss Gandy,

ENJOINED DEFENDANTS FROM PHYSICALLY ASSAULTING OR BEATING ANY CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATORS OR INFLICTING UPON ANY PERSON HARASSMENT OR INTIMIDATION WHICH PREVENTS OR DISCOURGAGES CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATORS RIGHT TO PICKET, ASSEMBLE PEACEABLY OR ADVOCATE EQUAL CIVIL RIGHTS FOR NEGROES.

ORDERED THE IRIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, ANTICOMMUNIST CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION AND ALL UNIT OR GROUP LEADERS
DURING TIME OF INJUNCTION TO MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP RECORDS.

TO POST CONSPICUOUSLY AT ALL MEETING PLACES OF SAID ORGANIZATIONS
A COPY OF COURT DECREE, INSTRUCTED DECREE SHOULD BE POSTED AT
ALL TIMES AND DURING ALL MEETINGS. INSTRUCTED DEFENDANTS TO
FILE WITHIN THE CLERK OF COURT FIFTEEN DAYS FROM THE DATE OF
THIS DECREE A REPORT THAT POSTINGS HAVE BEEN MADE, THEREAFTER
DEFENDANTS SHOULD FILE RPORT ON OR BEFORE FIFTEENTH OF EACH
MONTH, STATING THAT THE DECREES ARE POSTED AND HAVE BEEN
CONTINUOUSLY POSTED SINCE THE DATE OF THE LAST REPORTING
PERIOD, COURT ORDERED U.S. MARSHAL TO SERVE COPIES OF

LHM FOLLOWS.

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